

average about a third of the total money that goes to intercollegiate athletics for the state colleges, was stricken, and almost a third of the money at UN-O that goes for intercollegiate athletics would be stricken. It is not totally stricken. But the method was used identically for each of the institutions. In the case of UN-L, they have no scholarships for intercollegiate athletics that are used from tuition remissions. They have scholarships from foundation outside money or internally generated money, but they have no tuition remission. And so they take a higher percentage reduction of their general funds going for intercollegiate athletics but notwithstanding that, the method was identical for all three. I think it is a reasonable basis on which a reduction is addressed. If the Regents and the Board of Trustees determine that that is not the lower priority, then they have the administrative flexibility to do otherwise. But I would urge you not to accept this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Hall.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, Senator Warner, I wonder if you would respond to a question, please. I apologize, I wasn't listening that closely to you. Are you saying that the cuts proposed to the intercollegiate athletic programs, if the Board of Regents or the Board of Trustees choose to reallocate those funds from areas other than intercollegiate athletics that they will be able to? Is that what you are saying?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Senator Vickers, unless there is prohibitive language in the use of general funds, why the Board of Regents in many respects have the same flexibility as an agency director has within a program as long as it is not in violation of either statute or prohibitions in the appropriation to...they have some flexibility.

SENATOR VICKERS: Is that the purpose...and I guess I would like to ask you also, Senator Warner, if the...and I have got here a copy of the recommendations that you, or the package, if you will, that you handed out yesterday, and on the last page there is an amendment, intent language for both the Board of Regents...or the...yes, the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees. Has that...was that part of the package? Has that been adopted?