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Senator Newell if he is being defeated and his humility is somewhat being downgraded that he accept this in good faith and humor and that, Senator Newell, if we are going to save money, let's get someplace where there may be a couple of million laying around like yesterday in the Papio Natural Resource District. There was a million and some odd dollars but you didn't see fit to place that money out of there and put it into the general appropriation and that is where you should get at the issue, where the big money is and where possibly the state might realize something we really don't need. So I oppose Senator Newell's amendment and I would hope the body would, too.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would arise to oppose the motion. The Appropriation Committee had considerable discussion on SUN program and we did consider the possibility of withdrawing the general fund monies support. The request was, I don't recall the figure off the top of my head, but it was substantially more than the level that was contained in the bill and the committee's final conclusion was to at least try one more year at the current level of funding to continue the program as it currently is. I would probably suggest that, the question has come up how the funds may be utilized, as tight as I personally believe that we probably have the University's budget, I would assume that as they are forced, and they will be forced to redirect the utilization of some of their general fund support, that some of these programs that perhaps are marginal will begin to be deleted and reduced and this may well be one of those. If the body wants to abolish the program, that is one issue. It is quite another issue to reduce the dollar amount because I am sure there will be other areas that that like dollar amount will serve a very useful purpose as far as education of the youth of the state. One thing I want to point out while I am speaking and that I indicated earlier in one of the amendments that we really didn't have any control over how the funds are used and it was precise or correct to say that in relation to the appropriation bill. It is not correct then to imply that the Legislature of the state has no oversight because the University and the state colleges are both required to report their expenditures under what is called a program classification structure and this breaks down to the level of each class, if that is the information that you want as to how funds are used and it is broken down as academic support, administrative support, instruction, research, public service, their auxillary dormitory utilities, student services, student aid,