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day after day, and week after week, and year after year. You set goals and then you look back to see whether you were able to stay to a timetable, or what changes could be made to improve, or where expenditures could be cut to make wiser use of the dollars which are available, and this is exactly what our University is trying to do. I commend them for their efforts, and I urge you to vote down this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to ask Senator Newell a question if he would yield, please. Senator Newell, based upon the research you have I'm sure completed, do you have any positive results of the program that you are trying to curtail in this instance?

SENATOR NEWELL: Positive results?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: How effective it's been?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR NEWELL: No, I have not asked how effective. All I have asked is what their promises were and whether or not they were able to live up to their promises. I think that if the University comes and says three years is all they want the money for, it should be three years, and that's the basis under which I'm offering to cut this program, the continual funding of this program. It has exceeded three years. It's on its fifth year, as I recall, and it's well over three and for that reason I think it ought to be cut. I have not asked whether it's been beneficial. That's already...I hope it's been beneficial. They spent a lot of money.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator. I think that you just pointed out something that all of us are aware again. We've mentioned it on the floor here in the past that once the program is initiated, it never ever stops. It continues to roll along and roll along, and it has its supporters and there's not much we're going to do about it, Senator Newell. I commend you for your efforts and your diligence and you've obviously spent a lot of time on this budget, and I have done some of the same work you have done, but it's interesting that there seems to be a cohesiveness regarding the budget that makes it very