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The thing that concerns me is that once again we are spending the taxpayers' money. We have a responsibility of sorts to the University, but I think we have a more definitive responsibility to those people back home who are being asked to continue each year adding to the budget, adding to the budget, adding to the budget, not only of the University, but all others. The only definitive measurement that I feel has any meaning as far as my consideration of the budget is, is the fact that in 1978 we had six percent fewer baccalaureate students graduate from the University than we had the prior year, and yet we gave them a so-called continuation budget increase over and above the prior year when there were substantially more students being graduated. Now we can play games with FTE. We can register all kinds of people. We can offer all kinds of courses, and we do...something over twenty-four hundred, if I'm correct in my recollection, but this state has got to tailor itself to the needs of this state, and our discussions of the Veterinary Medicine School, I think, speak to that need. But if we are going to add seven percent to what they had last year, while they serve six percent fewer students, then my calculations come up that we are giving them thirteen percent. So I'm asking that their continuation budget, their prior years continuation budget be reduced by an amount less than, by quite a bit, the decrease in their enrollment. They had a six percent decrease in enrollment, and I am asking not for a six percent decrease, but for a four percent decrease. That allows me a margin of about fifty percent for error, which would probably pretty well fit my usual procedures. But I'm saying to you, the only measure we have of what's going on at that University are the number of people they are graduating, and that the other numbers, and you have all set through them, the other numbers we have no way in God's world of knowing the accuracy, the validity, or the need, but I do know the need of the taxpayers of this state, and that is to stop spending money, particularly in the face of a decreasing enrollment and an increasing cost. I ask for the adoption of the amendment. It amends the money that we have given to the Regents, or I should say that the Regents have had the court tell us that we shall do, and I would leave it entirely to the Regents to determine how they would apply the funds appropriated under this section. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, your light's on, and then Senator Merz.