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by Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy expresses some frustration I suppose that all of us have had, not only about the University but about any agency of the ability to analyze down to the last dollar how they're utilizing those funds. We go into considerable detail in the case of the University, far more than appears, of course, in the budget bill, where there's only one line or two lines, or a few lines rather for each of the three or four campuses, but there is a constant review of a whole lot of areas. Where we're also looking ahead to do even better than that, it takes some time to create some of these procedures, this Legislature was willing to enact a year ago... it really started three years ago, the development of the uniform information system applies not only to the University but again to all of higher education. Perhaps the kind of detail that is suggested by Senator Murphy can be done much more accurately. But it's not as if we're without any tools now either, because every expenditure that's made by the University or any of the...or the state colleges are all reported back and monitored by the Committee through the summer months during the interim period through the program classification structure, which is an identification after the expenditures, but through the oversight route in which we can review how those funds are being used, and make judgments for the total budget the following year as a result of it. So I would urge the body not to accept Senator Murphy's amendment. There are specific things that one wants to take out. That perhaps could have merit from time to time, but I think a general across the board reduction as proposed by this amendment is not a prudent way to handle the state tax funds, nor is it a prudent way to effect the kind of quality of education or the kind of courses that are going to be available to those students attending. So I'd urge the body to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Murphy's amendment. What are we considering here? It looks like we're just taking off of last year's budget and go from there. Maybe last year's budget was too high, too. I rose last year to oppose it, and I think that we should have more explanation of where the money goes before we raise appropriations such as this. I don't think Senator Warner gave a very good explanation of what this money is being used for, and I think it's time that we looked at costs and how this money is used. We have state colleges that's getting by on a lot less. I don't see why the University