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talk on this amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: I will support some nominal cuts in the University's budget, but Senator Newell has implemented this. It sounds very reasonable to me. I sat out at Kearney one time with the now Governor of this state and he said he was going to hold state spending to five percent. I'm going to do everything in my power to help the Governor of this state hold it to five percent. I understand it's running right close to ten now.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to oppose the amendment. It appears we're going to have an interesting afternoon. The...first I should correct, there is not the, funds are not specifically appropriated for SUN. Again the appropriation bill's total dollar amount, the allocation of those funds within the various programs is a matter for the Regents to work with, but I would suggest if you feel that the SUN program should be discontinued, language could be put in to that effect, but I would suggest you do not take the funds away from this program, this activity, or from the University, because they're going to have a great many problems as it is to meet some of the educational requirements that they have. It's been suggested that we cut a great deal from their request, which we did. I understand that a cut from a request is cutting something you never had, but by the same token there were substantial cuts made. They are going to have to make substantial adjustments. They were not allocated as much as their probable increases will be in some areas, such as utilities, or which, when it comes to local government we quickly except those from an limitation. We did not do that with state government. If you adopt this you will merely be crippling it even further in their ability to provide a quality educational postsecondary system at the University. I understand the political popularity from attacking the University from time to time and from it I think I understand what I see this afternoon but aside from that I would still urge the body to reject this amendment, and if you wish to direct at SUN itself its not being continued, why then an amendment to that effect in the intent bill I'm sure would accomplish it. I'd urge you to reject Senator Newell's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak on the Newell amendment? Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak