

seventy thousand dollars, and they can't interpret what their authority levels are, perhaps we don't need those kind of people. My mother in Ada could read that, and she'd understand what they could buy and what they couldn't buy, and she went to the ninth grade, and she cooks in a hospital. Now I suspect that somebody that makes a hundred thousand dollars, or fifty thousand dollars, or forty thousand dollars can read and say, hey, we can do this or we can't. The University for the last three years have played extremely poor games with us, and I'm a strong supporter of the University. I'm a strong supporter of the education system, but I do not like to be used as a pawn, nor do I like this Legislature to be used as a pawn. Senator Marsh was indignant yesterday about Al Veys' remarks, and I forgive him for that because he's not very slick. He's not very smart sometimes. But I'll tell you one thing, the guys that you're dealing with now are slick and they're smart and they knew exactly what they're doing, and they misled you. They deceived you. They usurped your authority. Now you can stand by and take that if you want to, but this guy from Ada isn't going to take it. If they think they're so slick and if they think they're so smart, then let them buy it. They made a good economic agreement, and we'll take it right out of their pocket, and if they've got to tighten their belt, or squeeze their belt, tough! Tough! They deliberately misled you. They played silly games with you the last three or four years. They've taken you to court in terms of how they spend money. They paid overtime money last time and said, you make it up. We passed their bill that's on its way right now that says hey, keep hiring people until they're seventy, and they have the unmitigated gall to say to me, I don't know what that bill reads...I don't know what it means. They were in the Retirement hearing. They heard. I am tired of them playing silly games with us, and the only way to bring that point straight home is not scare them by the amendment, but stick it in. When I think the amendment will do that, and Senator Lamb and others that find the money to do it, and we can use the 123,000 we just did to make the money up, and I welcome those kind of amendments. Mr. President, I don't want anybody to think that I'm sincere about this issue, because you can tell the way I'm talking that I really think it's kind of funny. That's the way the University would like for me to say it. It's not funny. It's a philosophical matter right now. Who determines the role and course of that University? Either the Regents do it, or we do it. Either they hustle us and do exactly as they please and then come over and make us the dupes, or we tell them once and for all