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then come back and say you must give it to me because I spent it last year. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to be heard on the amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: I would rather have Senator Warner respond first to the amendment and then I would follow up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh and then Senator Warner and then Senator Wesely. Senator Marsh, okay, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to oppose the amendment. As we have indicated many times, when the committee builds the budget, we may do it from a variety of ways in which we could have shown, you know, great adjustments, say, utilities, in what we approved which would have been less of a problem. What we did do was break down the budget in a number of different areas and then build the final recommended figure on that basis. Now in the case of the cash funds here that were one time funds, the real base issue as far as the committee is concerned is that the policy that we always use, one of which of reducing the general fund by whatever cash funds are available has a long term impact of discouraging the state colleges or the University, for that matter, of trying to generate cash funds and we have frequently tried to look for ways in which we can maximize the cash funds to the relief of the general fund and still be in the position to encourage the agency to try and get cash funds. So in part, the replacement that we are proposing, and this is less than half of what they actually did use. It is \$475,000 out of about \$1.5 million that would have been involved and represented about a third and it seemed to us that that perhaps was not too unreasonable of an approach. The full impact of the reduction at UNL is \$312,000. I don't have the breakdown of how much of that is Ag Institute but I suspect it is about thirty to thirty-five percent. UNO reduction is \$84,949 and the reduction at the Med Center would be \$78,411. It is my opinion if we would reduce the total appropriation by this amount that it will not be to the benefit of the students or the educational programs currently going on at the University and I would urge the body to not support Senator Murphy's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now, will Senator Wesely and Marsh tell me