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good programs in this bill, sort of like motherhood and apple pie when you read through here. It makes it hard to vote against this bill but this is additional monies above what they have appropriated in other bills in the hope that you will take this one over the medicaid payments. Now let me say this, that this is a great ploy by the Appropriations Committee, but to put \$475,000 for the University what we say to reimburse their cash funds. Let me also say that we are reimbursing their cash funds. This is money not aimed at faculty salaries. It is to reimburse their cash funds which they took out last year to give faculty a higher salary increase than the Legislature authorized. Now this is a game. This is probably the most blatant game the University, you know, has ever played, and they play it under the guise that they have total control. Now these cash funds, Senator Wesely, these cash funds came out of students tuitions, student tuitions. Now here it is, they said, you know, the faculty is more important than the student. They take it right out of the tuitions and now we are suppose to replace these cash funds. What we are really supposed to do is say to the University, you know what, you guys played some games and you did some things that we didn't want you to do, but not only do we condone that kind of action, but we recommend you to continue to play these kinds of games, because if you do, we are going to give you any money that you need to make up for this kind of game playing. That is exactly what this amendment does. Now what else does this amendment do? It takes a budget, an austere budget, that Senator Dworak and Senator Warner has stood up on this floor and said this is a most austere budget for the University, 7.1% for the University. What they are really saying, 7.1% in the other bill and now .4% in this bill for a grand total of 7.5%. That is really an austere budget that has changed to not so very austere of a budget and we do this in the name of condoning the game playing that the University has been doing. If we allow this to happen, not only do we take our only tool, the only tool we have to have some control over how monies are to be spent at the University, not only do we throw that out the window, but we tell the University we condone this kind of game playing. It is absolutely wrong. It is unjust. It is unfair. And it is a whole lot of other things that you could say and I hope that each and everyone of you are saying. It reminds me of a story that Senator Simon has told and that story talks about hutzpah or some Jewish, chutzpah.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR NEWELL:or hutzpah, or whatever it is, and what