

actually voting on about a third of a million dollar motion. The reason I say that and I talked to Senator Warner. If we accept the Johnson amendment whereby we will not lease this facility then that \$300,000 can't be used. You can't renovate a building which you don't have a lease on. So in essence, we are not voting on merely a \$22,000 amendment but we are voting on about one third of a million dollars. That \$300,000 would have to sit in the fund and could not be used. At least as near as I can tell that is my interpretation. That is what Senator Warner has indicated at the initial stages of discussion that that would be his interpretation so I bring that to the body's attention. That may or may not make a difference in which way you vote but I view it as a motion to vote for one third of a million dollars and it is voting against sending another one third of a million dollars into an area that I cannot continue to support because I do not think the need justifies it. Senator Marsh has said and others have said it is a vital area and we have to continue to put money into it but it seems to me that we have to come to the time when we can no longer continue to keep funding all these institutions at the current level. We just don't have that type of money and I guess the bottom line is and I can certainly understand Senator Carsten and Senator Merz's and I am sure Senator Merz wishes to holy heck that Peru State was at the other end of the state and he wouldn't be in that bind but I don't think that we can continue to have every sixty miles, a university available so nobody has to drive more than an hour's drive and that would be very convenient and it is very nice and of course it is very easy for me to say because I live in Omaha and we have two universities there. I realize that but with the size of this state we just cannot continue to afford to make it so convenient at the taxpayer's expense that nobody has to drive more than an hour's drive. It just is a fact of life and it seems to me that here is one circumstance, we are not talking about shutting down Peru State, we are talking about making a cut in an area that is legitimate and certainly with the facts that Senator Johnson has presented today, I think that the amendment is most reasonable.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.