

between the University raising tuitions? It is called tuition, it is not a tax, but, nevertheless, it is additional funds, but it is earmarked for a particular purpose and it stays there. Without going through a litany of examples, I think this is, in this case, different. These people did raise the tax, they did raise the funds. I think they have to be seriously considered and in all fairness be allowed to use the money that they raised for the purpose it was intended. As far as mental health programs are concerned, there are 14 community programs in 6 regions. There are 57 satellite programs operating out of those 14 community programs. As it applies to alcoholism without going through a litany, there are 90 plus programs out there, most of them deal with prevention, most of them dealing with adolescents and kids. Important programs. Traditionally, these people traditionally raise their own money. This year I know there is a budget crunch, but I would think it seems only fair that we allow this \$600,000, \$300,000 to mental health, and \$300,000 to the alcohol and drugs to be used for that purpose. As you know, the bill originally called for the money coming out of the DPI budget. The DeCamp amendment, this amendment should appropriately be called the Lynch-DeCamp amendment, simply removed that provision and added in the funds. There was a provision in the bill also for the \$500,000 of federal money that was unused, and the bill called for that money being used, if possible, in its intent language, for these programs. I think all of us who are interested in this particular program are not concerned, at this point in time, as to whether we get that federal money, that \$500,000 apiece for alcoholism and drugs because we know that is not within our control. But what we need, though, over the next few years is some commitment from the general fund for these programs to the tune of about \$300,000. Next year we are not sure what it will be, or the year after that, or the year after that. But we do know that in the next four years this new source of funds, found by these people seeking this help, will raise over \$13 million for the general fund. They are simply seeking a commitment to, hopefully, get \$2,400,000 of that for their good cause and purpose. I think it is really important. I have to throw this in as well because I received a copy of a document that said if the money came out of the DPI budget, they would close the Lincoln Regional Center where 19 people are served at the cost of \$78,000 a year, and they would close, in Hastings, the Regional Center...developmental center for mentally