

and, oh, yes, I would not want to forget Senator DeCamp, I am sure that I could sway you on this issue. Instead I appeal to you on common sense and sensibilities....

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: ...and your caring concern knowing the numbers of people in our society that, as I have said previously, are powerless to mount a lobby behind the glass windows to affect your vote and to appeal to you by saying all of the support that they can give you in another reelection bid. Let's help those. Let's put our vote in the collection plate, if you will, for our state and say this is our commitment to society and for the good of our state. I ask you, return this for the amendment, adopt the amendment, and then cast your vote as one of the 40 for an extension one day for this budget bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, then Senator Wesely, then Senator Lamb. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to address one aspect of the amendment. We have repeatedly said on the floor that when it came to the intercollegiate athletics which I take is included in the amendment, or at least the language relative to it is in the amendment, that there is nothing binding in the current appropriation language. There is no language that prevents, restricts, directs the trustees or the Board of Regents to make the selective cuts that were the rationale for the reduction in the budget for the state colleges and the university and I was prepared to read into the record, and will do it now, that the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges has the administrative flexibility to fund any programs or activities according to priorities established by the board within the amounts appropriated to each college unless specifically prohibited by legislative intent. There is no intent relative to those programs. The same language would be true of the Board of Trustees except that it would not apply to each college but rather to each of the institutions within the system and so that flexibility is there without whether or not you adopt this amendment or not and, again, there is no prohibitive language that directs them not to use general fund for those purposes. So that there is no need for concern that they would not choose something else nor would it be my intent to subject either