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senator wants to sign onto a letter they take a neutral letterhead. They take the Legislative Council letterhead. It's the Legislative Council letterhead as opposed to the Executive Board letterhead, but it is also the letterhead that the Executive Board uses. There is no separate standard letterhead. We try to use one format for the whole Legislature so we don't get into printing a whole bunch of different forms. So what Senator Landis has done is perfectly customary. Whether you think that's a procedure that should be followed in the future or not is perhaps a different question and I can understand Senator Labeledz's concern, but it is a customary practice and usage and it's only because then you don't have to use an individual senator's letterhead. It's a neutral stationery. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you. Senator Labeledz, is that satisfactory?

SENATOR LABEDZ: (Microphone not activated immediately.)
...Senator Landis's answer.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was following what I thought to be the custom when there was more than one signature and did not mean to ascribe to that letter any more than those people who shared that interest in signing it. To the extent, however, that there is personal umbrage taken, I would apologize for the personal umbrage. However, I ask each and every member of the Legislature to read the contents of the letter word for word. There is not a word of condemnation about any member in this body. There is not a word of chastisement. There is only a statement to the university about what we think is appropriate kind of budgeting language and, if there is offensive language that calls into question any member of the body, I'll be happy to review it, discuss it and have it read on the floor. I tried to avoid taking the time of the body with a resolution. It's meant only to be a signature under those who chose to sign it, not the full body, let me make that clear. However, I was following, I believe, the custom of the body when you have a letter with more than one signature. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.