

better understand that the damn cows are going to go hungry and I'm liable to lose some. Now if that is what you want to do, then go ahead and do it, but you are not going to do it with my help. I ask for the adoption of this amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again this is one of these programs that again had a worthy purpose. Problems that you are dealing with here, this particular program which, as Senator Vickers' has outlined, was to help individuals in transition. By and large it was two or three aspects of the program, contracts with community colleges that provided some of this training. There was some assistance to the individuals in order that they could get through...or to take the courses, financial assistance. It was based on a \$1 million federal grant which runs out. And the request by the agency, as I recall, is for a half a million, or whatever amount that could be found to pick up the lost federal funds in order to continue the meritorious program. Again, I'll repeat, this is the kind of issue we're going to be faced time and time again over the next few years, and they are not easy choices. This \$250,000, I'm sure, will be well spent. We did not include the amount in the recommended appropriation, not because the program was bad but for those variety of reasons--of picking up one-time federal funds on a continuing basis, even though the program is extremely well run, good purpose; I felt times when we were trying to pull back on the cost of government to pick up a new program, it was not desirable and so it was not funded. So I would suggest that notwithstanding the merits you do not support the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the amendment. Senator Vickers, I think, has done a very fine job of explaining the need, and there is a need out there for this particular program. I somewhat feel reluctant, though, to speak to many of the amendments that are proposed because if I really was interested in the appropriation process I probably should have been an Appropriation member as opposed to Chairman of the Ag