

authorized with salaries an 8.1 percent increase in their budget which is probably one of the higher ones of agencies, certainly. But the real issue you're dealing with here is if it is our choice not to utilize about 78 or 80,000 of Cash Funds that Peru has, which they had 240,000 of cash. They acknowledge that that is a reasonable estimate of cash. The across-the-board rule that we used was one-third of those additional Cash Funds should be utilized to offset General Fund and that was approximately the 80,000 in Peru; is approximately 177,000 in Kearney and it was approximately 600,000 at UN-L. Now if you choose to do this Peru differently, then you should also do UN-L and Kearney differently as well because the argument is essentially the same and I would urge that you reject this amendment because there would be no rationale not to add another 750,000 if you add this here. In addition, for the state colleges this year the budget bill authorizes their Cash Fund estimates to be...or their Cash Fund receipts to be estimated in the appropriation bill. So if they accumulate more cash than they...if they generate more cash than they estimate, they are authorized to use it as long as it is used for one-time expenditures or will not go into their continuation base for next year without specific approval by the Legislature, but I would urge you reject the amendment because really you're talking about ten times as much money if you treat the other campuses the same and there is no reason to treat them differently. Again, I would point out that Peru with their Cash Funds and their salary already will have an 8.1 percent increase in authorized expenditures.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Morehead, you didn't want to talk. Okay, is there any further discussion on Senator Remmers' motion? If not, Senator Remmers, would you like to close on your amendment, please?

SENATOR REMMERS: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, the question is, shall the Remmers amendment be adopted? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Thirty seconds and then we're going to call the vote. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The amendment fails.