

our facilities on the East Campus. So I don't think that we should disproportionately cut them. Now I don't think that's the only place that we need to invest.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: I am promoting a project through the College of Engineering, a research development institute. Yes, it is the College of Engineering, but they also will be developing products, agricultural products as well as engineering products and I think that we need to keep this cut in proportion. That is why I am supporting Senator Lamb with his amendment and I hope that the rest of you will, too, and speak out in favor of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal, please. Then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the amendment and I sincerely have heard what Senator Lamb and Senator Morehead have said, but I think that there is caveat I would like to talk to you about and that is that this morning I stood up here and told you that we, as a legislative body, have not the authority to tell the University how to spend their money. Senator Scofield talked about it just a little while ago on the floor and said not only don't we have that authority, but we as an Appropriations Committee have rejected the lists that were supplied to us for an across-the-board cut by the University. We did not accept them. We rejected them. My concern is that if we would approve this amendment, we are saying this is where we do not want you to cut and this item was one of those items on the list. If we say this is not an area that we want you to cut, I'm very concerned that it could be construed that we are saying that we are working from that list, that we have accepted that list and we do accept everything except this item. I said this morning, I'll say it again now, we, as a committee, have rejected the list supplied to us. We don't have the authority to tell them. The Board of Regents will make that decision. Senator Lamb, I believe, admitted that this would strictly be an intention thing, that we have no authority to hold them to it. If we leave this alone and abide by the thought that we are not accepting their list and let the Board of Regents make this decision as they must, as they need to, as is their authority, and not make an exception, do what you