

want except this, I think we'll be consistent and I don't think we need this amendment to accomplish that fact. I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr., President, members, I rise to support the amendment although I understand and appreciate the points that Senator Hannibal just pointed out, but the fact of the matter is that we, as the policy making body of this state, I think need to make some statements occasionally as to how we expect the funds of the people of this state to be used. I have no problem at all with standing up here as I did the other day and indicating that, as far as I am concerned, as far as one member of the Legislature is concerned, that these cuts that we are going to be making to education not be applied discriminately and that we would expect them as much as possible to absorb those cuts within administrative levels and not apply it to the level of the student. Now I don't know how much you can do that. I don't know how many dollars that can be applied that way, but I understand how politics works. I understand that it is easy to raise the issue of, if there is a cut comes down, here is where it is going to happen. It is going to happen at some service level. It touches a lot of folks like the Extension Service or the West Campus out at Curtis. But I would suggest to you that we do need to play a role in saying, no, that's not the way we expect our priorities to be set and, furthermore, I think what it is doing is it is bringing one more time to the forefront the issue that I tried to raise the other day and Senator Vard Johnson tried to raise the other day and I think a number of us have tried to raise and that is that we had ought to examine the results of our actions. Whatever the action might be, wherever the cuts might be, what are the results going to be and are we going to be responsible for those results? Are we going to recognize what those results are going to be? And I think occasionally it is good for us to think about that. You know it is so easy to come in here and think we're only talking about numbers. Well, let me tell you, I, as well as Senator Lamb and a number of other folks, am upset when people say that agriculture is not important in this state, but I understand where they are coming from. Goodness knows, agriculture doesn't seem to be very important nationally either. Just because I happen to be in that business I guess I'm a little prejudiced and I think it