

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am disappointed this morning. Senator Warner stole my speech. But that's fine. I'm glad that it was said because if he hadn't have, I would. I think that the result of our actions yesterday in the three to two, as Senator Warner said, is going to relieve that pressure that is now assumed to be upon us and he very truthfully and very frankly spoke that the modifications that were presented to us do deal with the next fiscal year but do not specifically deal with the current year which we are to be addressing. I believe that I would be correct in saying that those modifications are not necessarily etched in stone. Depending upon what kind of dollars we eventually present to the University Regents, it will be their judgment on how it is to be divided and then it may or may not be any of those modifications that were submitted to us. I don't believe that it is permanent and certainly, as Senator Warner said, not necessarily pertinent to today. I would hope that we stay where we are at. I think that the University will use their good judgment in making their decisions and will continue to do a good job. I would hope that you would not open the door, as Senator Warner suggested again, to further shall-nots because there is no end to that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members, I rise also to oppose the reconsideration motion. And, as Senator Carsten said, Senator Warner made the arguments that have to be made, but I do want to make sure we take every opportunity to talk about this issue as to who is making these decisions. During the appropriations process we had the University come to us, the Administration come to us, not the Board of Regents, although we had a couple of Board of Regents members did...they did testify, but they presented to us a list of reductions and I am sure that is where this problem stems from. One of the proposed reductions was the elimination in 1986, not in '85 but '86 of the Curtis School of Technical Agriculture. I said on the floor yesterday two different times, and you have heard other people say it on the floor, that we as a committee rejected, we rejected their list of proposed cuts at a 3 percent level, at a 5.65 percent level, and, as a matter of fact, the 1 1/2 percent level. We rejected them as not being approved