

of the countries could manufacture this very easily and that leads me into supporting Senator Rod Johnson's reconsideration of the amendment in regard to excessive cuts in agriculture as proposed by Dr. Roskens and others over at the University. Now I asked Senator Warner this morning, they are saying...the Appropriations Committee is saying in effect, we don't want intent language in there, we don't want to tell the Regents what to do. Well, this is a new tack by the Appropriations Committee. There has been intent language in appropriations for the University forever. I confirmed that with Senator Warner this morning. But now suddenly at this point, for some reason which I don't understand, the Appropriations Committee is now saying, we don't want to express any intent of the Legislature as to how the money will be spent or not spent, or cut or not cut. And I guess I don't understand that because we have done it in the past and I am sure we will do it in the future. We will express the intent of the Legislature as to how money will be spent, General Fund money will be spent by the University. So I am merely trying to express the intent of the Legislature that agriculture is important, that agriculture is willing to make its fair share of cuts but not excessive share of the cuts. Very simply, that is what we are doing. And Senator Warner is correct, there is nothing that states that Curtis will be closed this year, but we have had a statement by Dr. Roskens that that will be under consideration next year. On the other hand, Extension is slated for large cuts this year under Dr. Roskens' proposal or the Regents' proposal in dealing with the proposed 3 percent cut. And so that is part of the amendment also. It says that Extension should not be cut more than its fair share. So I guess I don't understand the reluctance of the Appropriations Committee to go along with this. As far as I can see, it represents a change in philosophy. They have done it in the past. I think they are supportive of agriculture. I think all of you are supportive of agriculture and this is one small way to express it. This amendment was up for consideration on General File, but along with a number of other people who withdrew their amendments at the request of the Appropriations Committee I see that now as a mistake because at that point there was not...this opposition had not been generated and it seemed to me at that point it was ready to go but we did withdraw it to present it on Select File. So now I would ask that you do adopt this amendment. It is merely a statement of the sense of the Legislature in