

that's what we are in here for, and not lock it in and send it on over as Senator DeCamp has indicated, and go home now that we have decided yesterday that we are going to remove the University's feet from the fire a little bit and the state colleges' feet from the fire and that we are not going to deal with any more amendments. I think that would be the wrong thing to do. I think the correct thing to do is to go ahead and go through those twelve amendments or however many there are, make the decisions individually, make the decisions that this body chooses to make on the tax increases, and I am not ready to make that decision either. But I really, seriously believe we have been brought in here to deal with the budget and we ought to continue that process. We had ought not to cave in now and say, we have done it, we are not going to let the process work its way through, suspend the rules and pass the bill and go home. So I oppose the DeCamp motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, I guess I have mixed feelings about this but I do have one amendment up that would put some intent language in, probably don't need to really have. I would like to read it and explain it for a second and probably take care of my concerns and be willing to support the suspension. This deals with the Auditor of Public Accounts and there is a bill being debated now in the Government Committee that will come up, hopefully, tomorrow to deal with this. We have had a problem with the fact that the State Auditor was cut in his budget \$450,000 but the statute was not changed requiring that the Auditor perform county and ESU budget audits. We did leave almost \$200,000 in the Auditor's budget for the purpose of tying up loose ends, making the transition and conducting these audits. There were 33 counties that did not have their '83-84 audits completed, whereas the other 60 counties did and so there are lawsuits pending saying if those counties got their audits paid by the state, why shouldn't we? And the money was provided to do that and so I will just read this in which I had hoped to add and perhaps won't get around to it so I will just say it at this point. It is the intent of the Legislature that all audits of county and Educational Service Unit records for the years prior to fiscal year 1983-84 be performed by the Auditor of Public Accounts and that the expenses of such prior year audits be paid for by the Auditor of Public Accounts from