

is that when I checked out today with the people at Mid-Plains, they say this is nuts. That's basically the line. They said it's nuts. They're going to get a half a technician for one year. Another half a technician for another year and then, at the end of the second year, they might get the space for it. They say it's not planned well. They don't know in theory what they want. They're just trying to cover all the things without any coordination. So when I mentioned to them I was seriously considering voting no, they said they have no problem with that whatsoever because it doesn't make sense the way it is now. And that, I mean that's a comment from the people that it's going to help a great deal. Senator Moore is also accurate when he says, if we're going to do it, we should do it for the others as well. My point also is we don't even need to do it for those that we're supposedly doing it for this amendment for because they're basically telling me they don't need it. Unless they can get a full-time technician and a full-time...and space for that now, it doesn't make a lot of sense. That's point number one. Point number two is the frustration I had on the Appropriations Committee. We talked about this at one point and there was concern that we needed to hire or needed to go back and bring these people in, so the Appropriations Committee said, listen, 250,000 is what we can afford to spend; Med Center, come back and tell us how close you can come to that. And they did. They came back and said, we can get down to about 267 and make it work. There's about a 17,000 dollar gap. Appropriations Committee, after some discussion about the technicians, what have you, voted to fill that gap of 17,000. We added that back in. Supposedly, they were going to get the full-time technicians, what have you. Now all of a sudden I'm told late last night and today that, oh, no, no, no, no, that did not do the technician part. That simply met the funding level that we came down to. The technician part is separate, we need more. At some point I say, hey, it wasn't a part of the Regents' proposal. University didn't push this program at all. This is simply a Governor's priority thing and we funded it as well as we can. My point is if we're just talking about 39,500 of the 267,000 or the other 17,000 we added in, if there's a real need for it, they can do it right now with what they have. They can reallocate. They can look at what they have, make those adjustments to make it work. And it's only 39,500, or whatever the amendment is as far as the exact amount, but again the people that it affects, at least in our area, are saying it's not worth it because it's not going to work the way it is now with a half a technician and no space. And, quite honestly, if