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this privately many times. Some institutions do this, some institutions start out and they have the visiting professors of note teach the freshmen political science class, for instance, Pat Monihan, who just went back to Harvard. Now that is a kind of exposure, that is the kind of an experience that an undergraduate student needs. An undergraduate student doesn't need the experience of the machine or assembly line type of education. Some people believe that's adequate. The thing you do is you get the biggest hall you can find and you get five or six hundred in there and you have somebody talk to them for an hour and they've been taught political science. Senator Bereuter is suggesting that that's not the approach. Senator Bereuter is suggesting that the approach is to do it in terms of student-teacher relationships at the undergraduate level. Remember that, at the undergraduate level. I believe that the Bereuter amendment here is one of the most significant ones for the promotion of quality education at the University. I share Senator Bereuter's concern. I share Senator Bereuter's concern for the quality of undergraduate education at this University located in Lincoln, Nebraska. I share his concern that the way in which we are teaching is not effective for that undergraduate student in terms of his relationship with the professional people that are doing the teaching and the quality of people that we're putting down there. We have always suggested that the more qualified and more eminent a person is that he ought to be advanced past the undergraduate level. Certainly a sophomore or freshman should see no one but a graduate assistant. That's inherently wrong. Senator Bereuter has had the courage to bring forward an amendment to help correct that situation. I stand prepared and ready to help him. Do not let Senator Cavanaugh confuse you in terms of the Area of Excellence. I believe the Area of Excellence is a program that was started, but I do not believe it has as its sole purpose, nor do I believe it's tied to do the things that Senator Bereuter's amendment will do with the \$850,000. Again the Area of Excellence deals, at least in the area that I was involved with, primarily with graduate programs, at least two of the three were. I think Senator Bereuter should be commended for bringing forward the issue. I think he's articulated it well. I would suggest the adoption of the Bereuter amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. I don't want to intimidate you, Senator Maresh, but I have many many lights on. It's 11:33. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I don't think we have determined the attitude of the Board of Regents and President Varner on this issue. I wonder if Senator Bereuter would answer a questions. Senator Bereuter, what is the attitude of the Board of Regents? I know in the past they have threatened to take the Legislature to court to resolve ~~if~~ we do have the power to regulate the University as we have in the past. What is their attitude on this issue?