

in the University of Nebraska system. That is not... as deep as you can cut there. In fact, you are not even cutting at all there, and you are not going to what this legislature intended to do when they adopted my original amendment. As I explained it to you then you have the office of the assistant to the vice president, Assistant Vice President for academic affairs who has duplicated and repetitive powers of those of the chancellors of the university. He is in control of not only coordinating educational systems among and between the campuses, but he is in control of the entire personnel system on each campus. No chancellor can hire, fire, promote, demote, change, alter any person who works under him without the approval of the vice president of academic affairs. That is according to the policy of that persons job description. That is repetitive administration, duplicated administration. What my amendment does is reduce a \$165,852 of administrative cost out of the administration office by eliminating the position of executive undergraduate dean a \$38,000 position. By eliminating the position of executive graduate dean a \$40,000 position. By eliminating the position of assistant vice president of academic affairs, a position of \$29,000 by eliminating \$46,000 in legal services and providing that the Attorney General serves as legal council for the Board of Regents as it does for every other governmental agency, and by eliminating \$10,000 of the fringe benefits attached to the above positions. Now, the Board of Regents could do those. The Board of Regents didn't have to take \$160,000 if they did, and they did not act on the proposition before you supplied to you by Senator Lewis. The Board of Regents didn't authorize that this reduction of \$160,000 be assessed against the UNL campus, or that \$97,000 of it be assessed against the UNO campus. The systems office did that. The systems office did that to protect itself. To protect those positions that it can not justify within its own system. You are not going to eliminate them, you are going to limit the justifiable positions that exist in campus administration. That is the heart of the matter here. That is why I offered the first amendment the other day to divide those monies and place those back under the responsibilities of the chancellors. It makes absolutely no sense to have a chancellor and pay him \$42,000 a year, and have his judgment subject to the scrutiny and review and veto of a \$29,000 a year man and then a \$40,000 a year man and then a \$38,000 a year man, all of who have the same job and job description responsibility as the chancellor. So that is the issue here ladies and gentlemen, it is much more than a million dollars. It is who is going to run the administrative system of the university and how they are going to run it and whether they are going to run it efficiently and economically or whether they are going to run it in a duplicitous manner designed to create more positions in the area of \$35,000-40,000. I urge that you reject the Lewis motion. I would be happy to offer my amendment in lieu of it.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.