

state...I mean, general funds from the state general fund. Least essential because they were not high priority academic programs which is what the role and mission of those universities and systems are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. May I ask you then, since UN-L has revenue generating sports, football and basketball, why would they only cut \$688,000 when they can derive money from their revenue generating programs and they have a much larger budget? Why weren't they cut proportionately?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: What we tried to look at, Senator Chambers, was the amount of money that was spent...allocated of state general funds to athletic programs, that includes your athletic programs, subtracted from those programs tuition remissions, scholarships, if you will, for athletic scholarships and gate receipts, fees generated from those programs to try to arrive at that amount of state general funds that was going to each campus, to each university, to each state college that would be considered state general funding of that program and we decided we wanted to phase that out over a two-year period so we cut that number in half and said, one-half this year and one-half next year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so the amount was based on a half over the two-year period?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amount of cut was based on a half.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amount of...the net dollar figure was what we determined through the fiscal analyst that that was state general funds going towards all athletic programs dealing with intercollegiate athletics.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, at UN-L with football generating money, large amounts of money, they could make up this \$414,000 if that total amount was cut right now, couldn't they?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: By increasing receipts, very possibly. I think you are aware that the football program at UN-L supports almost all of the athletic program, women and men's, at the University. The \$400,000, I believe the figure is, that is what we determined was that part of the