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SENATOR KELLY: Can you get that for Senator Kelly privately?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Have you anything more to say, Senator Kelly? He's getting you that information. I'm just trying to save time here. The Senator from Axtell, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and members of the Body. I think that this amendment is deserving of support although I have to admit that I have some problems in considering how it's being applied now. I think the mistake that a lot of people make in considering this whole issue is in thinking of athletics as extracurricular. Or in thinking of them as only belonging in a four year institution. And I think the thing that I would like to point out first of all is that in my own mind athletics should be regarded as important to the total education of a person as his going to class. I think that the experience that comes out of athletics is just as much a part of his development or could be and perhaps this brings us down to the problems in this regard. Number one and this is when we talk about athletic scholarships or tuition remissions, we're focusing only on those people who are best at a particular sport and we're not trying to get everybody the participation experience that they deserve. The other problem is, of course, that these funds have not been distributed as I understand it between all of the institutions according to their enrollment. So I hope in the future that this will be straightened out. But I think for the time being the amendment being proposed is the best solution we can come up with. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senators Savage and Waldron. This is your second time to speak. Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Well, I...Mr. President, I just want to answer Senator Syas. He started picking on me saying I was against athletics. The reason...I think the reason he talks so loud is because he don't hear very good. Those boilers down at the Union Pacific have impaired his hearing a little bit. What I said was I was opposed to importing athletes from outside the country and outside the State of Nebraska. I'm for all the scholarships...athletic scholarships that they want to give to the voc-tech schools, boys and girls, from Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of this amendment, Senator Marvel's amendment and I agree basically with what Senator Savage has just said. We have taken...it seems that the Legislature has taken a harder look at the budgets of these new colleges that we have, community technical colleges and we have the other colleges and I suppose that is because they are relatively new. I think their cost per student is lower than in the other colleges and so I think we're really getting a bargain with this school. Senator Nore is right when he says we need the type of people these schools are training. So I would hope we would go ahead and vote for this tuition remission to try and encourage students to go to these schools because when you get into dollars and cents part of it, it's a very small amount of money we're asking for these