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additional dollars to accomplish this goal to bring the University to excellence. It's an area that I think should be cut from the budget. I think we ought to start taking the University at its word. When it says that they have a program that will pay for itself, it ought to pay for itself. When they ask for additional monies to improve the excellence of the University, they should get those additional monies if that is the determination of this body for the period that they ask it for, and when they need the monies for longer periods of time, we have to ask ourselves why. We also have to ask ourselves why should it be continually placed in their budget and continually added on the multiplier of 7 percent. If we do not cut \$136,602, this program will continue, it will continue, it will continue, and every year they will get another 7 percent increase even though the University sold it to this body, to this Legislature and to the Appropriations Committee at that time on the basis that it was, in fact, only a three year program, and it would not ask for a continuation of the funds. They have broken that promise. We should strike the funds. We should not continue this program since it is, in fact, not justifiable, and it should not be a continuing priority of this Legislature for the people of the State of Nebraska. For that reason I ask you to accept the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the three years on the Area of Excellence has ended or will be ending this year. The dollars to which Senator Newell is speaking are the dollars in which the constant updating and evaluation of the various departments at the University. A business firm does not go on year after year without taking a look at what it has done, what its goals are, what it has accomplished, and the same is true for the University. The same is true for our state colleges. The same is true for other branches of government. One needs to constantly evaluate and a year later reevaluate at least every five years to take a look at various colleges within our institutions. I can understand how Senator Newell thought that we were continuing something which was meant to be a three year program and which, in fact, was. It is not continuing what was begun as Areas of Excellence. However, the Areas of Excellence have been an extremely wise expenditure of funds. I do try to explain to the body that in your own business, and many of you are business people, you do not just drift along