

March 18, 1980

LB 999

Commission which essentially is only a continuation budget no add ons, other than the reflecting of committee policies. In the case of the Board of Trustees, the State Colleges, again this is a continuation budget with two add ons, one is a dollar amount \$20,000 with a like amount to the Board of Regents, University of Nebraska for implementation of cooperative graduate programs between the university and the state colleges and is pursuant to an agreement which has been signed by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents. Secondly, there is the \$200,000 additional discretionary fund for upgrading faculty salaries at the state colleges reflecting again work that was done over the summer and in November and December meetings of the committee which would indicate that trying to make comparisons of state college faculty and salaries that they were considerably lower than appropriate peer or comparative groups within the area and this is to make up a portion of that to be distributed at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. As far as the individual campuses are concerned, the additions at Chadron State there is one addition for academic credentials clerk and then the other changes at Chadron reflected some general fund support for their campus center, utilities over all, the committee is recommending a portion, half of the utilities at the various unions at all of the post secondary institutions that those utilities be half funded from general funding, recognizing that a great many of activities go on in these facilities in addition to just student related activities. We did recommend, and the budget bill does reflect and the Board of Trustees, I believe have adopted some increases in student fees a result of which enabled us to make some reductions in general fund appropriations for those activities that amounted to \$17,000 in one program at Chadron and an additional \$14,000 reduction in general funds in another program. In the case of Kearney State their major increase was in the nursing program at Kearney. This is as you know the school was established a few years ago now, and this is the fourth year reflecting students increase enrollment that is going to occur has...the process of occurring and the necessary staff to fully support that program. There is additional faculty for...in the area of business and computer science again reflecting, reflecting increased student enrollment in these areas. There is the similar increase for the campus center utilities. There is the cash fund appropriation a little over two positions in the extended campus program and this is solely supported from fees by people who utilize... these are credit programs by the way, but they are taught off campus and are supported from the additional fees indicated here. Peru State College has this...only major adjustment is funds to lease, annual lease Majors Hall which will be used in

8587