

facilities I am sure that the quality of the education would not suffer. We also have at the University of Omaha, a Center for Afghanistan Studies, general funds of \$42,784. I understand that the federal government also pumps some money into this and that it is important, so I say if it is that important, I'm sure the federal government will come up with another \$42,000. But it is mostly, as I understand it, a resource center which contains library material for information about this country. This could possibly be handled by the library and the library people. The last one is the Alumni Association at the University of Lincoln and Omaha. The University of Lincoln we're paying \$66,400 general fund money into that and \$70,865 of general fund into that for a total of \$137,000 and this amount is given to the Alumni Association by the Board of Regents to support the Association's cost of compiling and maintaining records on all graduates. Well of all the people that have graduated from the University of Nebraska, I'm sure if they sent out a fund raising letter they could raise that money to do that. The Foundation could possibly take care of it and I don't think we should use tax dollars to support the Alumni Mailing Association. So if you adopt this amendment we would save \$273,592. Now that may not seem like very much money when you compare the total budget but out where I come from that would keep a farmer from going broke. That would keep a small businessman going. So I would like to ask that you do support this. What will happen is the regents will have to go somewhere on the ombudsman program if they want to keep it to find that money because we give it to them in a lump sum. But that is the story that I have behind my proposed cut to the budget. I will probably hear from some people who don't want to cut it so I will be quiet for a while and listen to what they have to say. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just merely comment this. One of the things the Appropriations Committee discussed to a considerable extent was the ability to provide every agency or any agency the kind of flexibility that they could best and most effectively absorb any reduction in a way that would be least harmful to the overall services that they provide. And, again, I would think that inasmuch as the University system already has a \$3,563,000 reduction in their general fund appropriation, that perhaps the kind of thing that Senator Haberman has proposed should be done. I do not think believe it should be, but if you felt that it was, it would seem to me that that might be one of the components of the adjustments that they are going to already have to make to make room for that significant reduction in the budget. So I would hope that you would not adopt the amendment in order to provide the University if that is an appropriate thing to be reduced and I do not agree that it is, but if that is how you feel, let it be a part of their