

Senator Warner's comments in opposition to this motion. I have passed around a letter from President Roskins explaining why this is a bad policy change. I know many of you recognize that I have been a strong supporter of the University of Nebraska and adequate funding for the University so you'll probably say, well Wesely obviously would oppose it because he supports the University and they lose some money off of this. More than the loss of money, I oppose this motion because it represents in a symbolic way a policy that is wrong and a policy that is very detrimental to the state because what we're promoting here is mediocrity and parochialism. We're saying we're not going to bring in the best students. We're not going to attract them to our University, provide them a chance and incentive to come here even if they're from outside of this state and to participate in our University, to share ideas and to learn together about the great things that we can be doing as a society and sharing knowledge with one another. And by attracting these people through this tuition remission you have diversity and intelligence and ability brought to this state that you would not otherwise have and that's what tuition remission is all about. And instead of doing this we're talking about well we'll do it need-base. We need to do it need-base. Well sometimes need-based isn't the only thing you want to do for a University. You want to do a quality-based, ability based and bring in some of the top students, not only those who are needy, but those that are above and beyond the average, the superior students and I think that's not wrong. In fact, that's what you have to have at a University if you want a quality university because this is one more step in the direction in chipping away at the quality of our University by taking away this money and this effort. That's the mediocrity part of the effort. The parochialism is the appeal to not help the non-Nebraskans. If you look at the handout from Senator Lynch why we don't want to help these non-Nebraskans, the nonneedy non-Nebraskans, let's help our own needy Nebraskans get this scholarship. But let me tell you something. I think it's very important that we not have an inbreeding situation in this state where the only people that are worth our help and assistance are Nebraskans. I think we want to help other people as well and bring them into this state, again with different perspectives and abilities to come to our University and to share their knowledge and their experiences and to work together with them as we go forward and the great challenges that we face as an institution and