

think it's a mistake to start doing that. I have not been keen on the scholarship program because of that aspect. When our public institutions are tightened down, the budget is cut and cut and cut and then we start to shift over to private institutions, what sort of policy is that?

PRESIDENT: Time is expiring.

SENATOR WESELY: Our public institutions must come first and our private institutions must understand that when the budget is able to afford these sort of programs we can do them, but not at this point.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz and then Senator Higgins and Senator Sieck.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I certainly was listening very intensely to what Senator Wesely has to say and I certainly can't believe that we will take a young man or a young woman from California just because they are bright and intelligent and bring them all the way to Nebraska and offer them a scholarship. For one thing...and then we say they are gifted. I have people in my district that may not be gifted students, but they are needy students. They want to go to college, but because of their parent's income or their own inability to find a job they won't be able to because we feel that a man or a woman from California or Utah is gifted and, therefore, should be allowed to come to the University of Nebraska. You and I and everybody else pay sales and income tax to this great state to support our University and I certainly don't think that the person in California or Utah or wherever is paying sales and income tax to the State of Nebraska other than when they come here and receive the scholarship. The significant amounts of general fund in the current student aid budget go to non-Nebraskans. In increasing such funds ten percent in lieu of the Lynch amendment would put the Legislature on record favoring increases for those who do not pay our taxes over those that do. I object to that very strongly. Financially needy University of Nebraska students can actually receive more aid under the Lynch amendment for they are eligible for awards through the state scholarship program. To say that the amendment is a transfer of aid from one sector of student to another does not do justice to the Lynch amendment. We all wish that such difficult decisions on priorities would not have to be made this year,