

Nebraska and probably will not vote for some of the changes that are being requested right now in their additional cuts in their budget. I support the Medical Center. I know what good work they're doing, but I certainly will not tolerate anyone saying that it's all right to bring a non-Nebraskan in over and above a Nebraskan that pays taxes here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (Cavel.) Could we have order in the Chamber, please. We're winding down on a number of speakers now, if I could just have your attention, please. Senator Higgins is next, then Senator Sieck and Senator Warner.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just finished complimenting my good friend Senator Wesely on what a great political speech he just gave. I wouldn't expect any senator that lives in Lincoln and represents Lincoln to want to vote for an amendment such as this, and, Senator Wesely, I wish you luck, whether you're running for Congress or mayor. I don't know which yet, but good luck to you, although I would prefer to keep you in the Legislature. I don't know where anybody gets the idea that we're asking for money strictly for independent colleges. This is for the students to choose where they want to go and to say that we need to go to other states to attract bright, brilliant youngsters is an insult to every teacher in Nebraska. In other words, Nebraska has failed terribly to educate the students. We don't have enough bright students in Nebraska, so let's go outside of Nebraska, let's use Nebraska taxes to give free education or assisted education to those bright students from other states. You already heard me speak about the bright students who should be able to take care of themselves, whose parents should be able to take care of them and giving them our tax dollars. Where does anybody get the idea that a student that goes to an independent college his parents are not already supporting the University of Nebraska and all the state universities? Do you think that if you go to an independent college they suddenly say, well now, your parents don't pay any property taxes, they don't pay any income taxes, they don't pay any state taxes at all? The independent colleges are subsidizing public education. What if you closed every one of them right now? How much would the taxes in the state go up? Did you ever think about that? I have here a letter from Chancellor Roskins and the second to the last paragraph I've highlighted, he says, "We do not believe it just for