

Museum in Omaha has a fee to go into it and view their various paintings and things and I look again at education. Our universities, our state colleges, many, many Nebraskans are not going to go to any university this year or next year, be it an independent one or a state one. Why should they have to pay for the education of other people through taxes? Why shouldn't those who go to college pay their own way? After all, once they get the college degree don't they get the higher salaries? I question whether we should even support this public education system once we have given people the basic fundamentals of primary education and high school. Then if you want to go on to college, if you want to go to Creighton University, that Catholic college in Omaha, or university, or if you want to go to any independent college like Bellevue College, you pay for it 100 percent. But if you want to go to a state university or a state college, everybody across the state pays, those who have never had the benefit of a college education, those who never will. Why don't we have them pay their own way? What about all the things we have in our cities and our state? Oh, I know, we're supposed to have free education for every child. Well, up to what point? That screwball that ran against me last year and just got beat this week again, 46 years old and he just now finished going to school. Do you know how many times he has been to college? He's been to three different universities and the poor people that never went to one college helped pay for his college education. 46 years old and he still didn't know whether he wanted to be a state senator or a city councilman. God knows what treadmill he'll run on next year. But the point is, user fees caught my ear when Senator Johnson said it. I can vote for this package. When the State of Nebraska says we have fulfilled our obligation to the children of this state by giving them a free grade school and high school education, but when it comes to becoming a professional student and going on to this graduate college and this graduate college and getting a Ph.D. in this and this and this, independent colleges pay their user fees. They aren't even eligible for the taxes that they pay to support the universities, the colleges that are state run. Their children that go to independent colleges don't get a penny of it. So I think when we get to the point where we really get down to true user fees I can support this. If you want to go to the museum, let the people who enjoy the museums, like myself and my husband, pay the user fee. If you want to go visit Morrill Hall, see the skeleton of an elephant,