

light of the trends and the overall picture and I think if you do that, the justification for further cuts to the University budget are not there.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I ask you to listen carefully to some facts and figures. The Appropriations Committee has already increased tuition for the next year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Marsh. (Gavel.) Could we have it a little less noisy, please, so we can hear the speakers. Please. Thank you, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: In fact, the Appropriations Committee had already done a great deal of serious damage concern from my perspective to the Medical Center. And Senator Peter Hoagland needs to make another tour of the institution, I believe, to be really up on top of. He brought us some figures but we are not comparing private institutions to public institutions. We expect a private college to have a different rate of education for professional degrees. The students are already going to have to have an increase, a sizeable increase in their tuition for next year. We are now asking not only on top of the tuition increase but for those students at the Med Center to be picking up over a million dollars worth of increase. How many students are at the Med Center? Oh, are we a little blurred on how many students we are talking about? We are talking about a total number of students, not just medical students but pharmacy students and nursing students. How many? Two thousand one hundred and eighty-one students asked to pick up over a million dollars on top of the increase the Appropriations Committee already gave them in the way of a tuition increase. How many of these students already have had to ask for outside assistance because they couldn't meet their tuition costs? Sixty-seven percent of all students, eighty-six percent of dentistry, eighty-three percent of medicine, seventy-two percent of pharmacy, eighty-one percent of allied health. We are saying, some of you students shouldn't be doing it and someone, I don't recall who, was saying it is so easy to get loans. It is not as easy as some others seem to think. And perhaps if you come from a family that has been able to finance private education at private institutions, it would be a different