

are using far more specialized automated equipment. And then for a whole paragraph he describes all that equipment. Let me tell you what the printing equipment is right now. UN-L, these are their figures so I doubt very much if they are inflated, printing equipment, \$2,127,000. And, remember, that is just here in Lincoln. UN-O, \$6,507, plus they also put some out for bid. The Med Center, \$404,182. But the University has been cutting back, I'm telling you they are really...they have got a tight budget.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I wonder how much we are paying employees.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, excuse me. (Gavel.) Under the south balcony, please. We were quiet when you fellows were talking. Thank you, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Now what do you think it costs to pay the people that run this expensive printing equipment and to retire them and the health benefits? And what are we doing to private enterprise when government gets into printing this big? And for your information, the other eight state colleges, Peru, Chadron, Kearney, Metro Tech at Elkhorn, Southeast, Central at Hastings, Platte and Mid-Plains, those lucky colleges get to divide among themselves only \$296,000 in printing equipment. But the University right here in Lincoln has over \$2 million in printing equipment. It isn't enough that the Medical Center has \$404,000 in printing equipment, they even mention in this article that originally came out in beautiful three kinds of color that they also send out printing jobs that they can't handle. Now you asked for how much of a cut in the budget? Oh, don't give the University \$1,316,357 increase. That is a cut when you don't give them an increase? And UN-O Med Center tuition increase \$1 million. Funny when I look at this, UN-O Med Center is \$1 million and then I look at the lab science in Omaha, also in Omaha, under LB 273 we got \$1,800,000...\$2,800,000 taken out of Omaha; \$1,316,000 out of you know where. The point is, Senators, this is a ridiculous idea to cut the University of Nebraska's budget if you can even call it a cut when I see this kind of waste. What in the name of God is the State of Nebraska doing in the printing business? How much private enterprise could benefit from this? And I am only giving you the cost of the equipment. I am not talking about what