

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...how much this Displaced Homemakers Program costs? Or how much is it being...it is being done away with completely, right? Or is it being cut?

SENATOR MARSH: \$184,906, which returned more dollars to the state coffers than we gave to the program.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But that is what it is being cut?

SENATOR MARSH: The benefits, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: It is not only being cut, it is being done away with.

SENATOR HIGGINS: That is what I wanted to make clear. \$184,000, almost \$185,000. I want to make a point of clarification here and I don't want to offend my good friend, Senator Warner, but he made a statement about the University of Nebraska Medical Center and he said those of us who voted without considering the programs that would be cut there, the blood would be on our hands. Two years ago Senator Marge Higgins joined with a group of people in my neighborhood who fought a brand new two blocks being built from the parking lot of the Medical Center down to Leavenworth Street and the cost was over three hundred and some thousand dollars. And I told them, use your own land, don't go through the railroad's right of way, don't have to move and build new culverts for OPPD. Go down on your own campus ground where you have nothing built, build the road to Saddle Creek, another street in Omaha, and you will have your fast exit for your employees to get out of the parking lot. Now that program I had to go to the Board of Regents and fight on and they said, Senator Higgins, your program, your idea will cost more and a year later they ate crow and they admitted that my idea saved the state, saved the Med Center \$150,000. Now if my budget was cut, what would I do if I ran the Med Center? Would I cut out the School of Pharmacy? The road is built today. Now I am going to tell you another horror story about the Med Center and the program cuts there because I know the little people that work there, not the higher echelon, but one of the little people that works in the staff told me about the computer the Med Center bought costing hundreds of thousands of