

amendment. Again, this is the funding of a new program, an old act but a new program, not previously funded. As we previously discussed it the other day, you will recall that the need, as it is defined in the statutes, really relates to tuition and room and board. That is to say one individual may have a need for one institution but not a need for a different institution and his tuition was less. So it should not be considered needy students in the sense that we would normally think of them. I would urge you to turn down the program. We made the kill motion the other day. I recall saying it would have made a great deal more sense to fund Curtis than to start out with a funding for a new program. Well, you funded Curtis this morning at 245,000 and I would say that used the money and I would urge that you not start this program, this foot in the door for this program with limited benefit under the conditions that we are in, starting a new program should not be done.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, we had an opportunity last Thursday to debate this issue at length and Senator Chronister made a fine presentation then, Senator Labeledz and others did, and I would encourage you to adopt this amendment which would allot a quarter of a million dollars instead of the \$1.4 million that was at issue last Thursday for the concept of assisting needy students throughout the state to put into our state laws a need based general scholarship program to step in and fill in this case one-sixth of the void created by anticipated federal cuts. I know all of us, virtually all of us in this body have had the benefit of a college education and we understand how terribly important it is, particularly in this complicated world. I don't think any of us would want a needy Nebraska student to go without a college education for lack of funds. I think we also agree that scholarship programs and grant programs and work study programs ought to be need based to the extent possible. I think this clearly satisfies those criteria. It is strictly a need based program and it is not like other less well thought out programs we have here, some homestead exemption and others that are not as need based as...not as clean in the need base theory as they need to be. I just see no reason for us not to do what we can to be sure these individuals are given the opportunity to undertake college educations and I know you agree with that. And I would simply like to urge all of you to do what you know is right, what you, in your heart, know is right, recognizing that the \$250,000 we