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kind of formula that will be put in place here when our primary responsibility is to first adequately support our public institutions and the argument has already been made that there is much more that we could do for the University. There is much more that we could do for Kearney State. There is much more we could do for Peru State, as Senator Remmers made the point this morning, and on and on. And I think that it is not apparently clear here yet that the particular formula that is proposed and the particular process that is proposed, it sounds good, it is easy to support money for students, but let me reiterate, we can't do enough through this vehicle. It is an unwise program to start and I think it will actually shift money away from our public institutions which we are already not doing justice to. And I would reiterate to you a challenge that I threw out again the other day. One of our big problems here is the federal government is pulling away from its commitment to support higher education and to support our students that need higher education and we might much better spend our time to focus on that and to try to build some support at the national level for those kinds of programs. I think they are absolutely critical to the future of this country but this particular measure is certainly not the way to go about solving that problem and I urge you to oppose it. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Scofield. Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I, too, arise in objection to this amendment. I think Senator Scofield has said it all this afternoon and it has been said previously, as she indicated, we just can't afford the kind of programs that we now have for our own public institutions let alone those that would fund the private institutions. And she aptly said; it is becoming more and more aware to all of us that have been paying any attention at all that as we go down the road a little further we are going to see the federal government pulling out and pulling out and pulling out of these kind of programs. And if these are so important, they are going to have to be funded at that federal level if we are to participate. I just don't believe that we can overlook the public institutions to start in, and I repeat, to start a new program of funding private institutions. So I would ask the body to reject this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Lundy. Senator Chronister, there are no more lights on, would you care to