

grandfather was talking about the public school system because he really wasn't familiar with the University or postsecondary education or the state colleges because he didn't have that opportunity, being a sibling of a family that homesteaded in eastern Nebraska in the middle 1850s. But I suppose at the time I was anguishing over how much I was paying in taxes on my Ford dealership and that's what my dad said. He said, you know, Jim, grandpa told me whatever you do, support education and I've not forgotten that. And so I anguish over what we're doing to postsecondary education today because I believe very sincerely that we do today will be the end product that we will see in ten to 15 years from now. And if what we do to postsecondary education with these budget cuts does what I think it is going to do, we're going to be very unhappy with the votes we make because the end results will be those young people, those bright minds that we need to develop who will be making the decisions on our state and I agree that the economic health of our state is fully dependent upon those young minds that it is necessary for us to develop and to train. So, Mr. President, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I want this body to know that I concur with Senator Scofield. I would like to see education get an increase instead of a cut, but the political reality is that we can't do that. And so I do have to accept the 2 percent. I don't like it, but I do have to accept it. And I do say that I would admonish all of you to think about that young man or that young lady...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR GOLL: ...some of whom will be sitting in this body in the next 15 or 20 years or who will be running our businesses and, yes, Senator Schmit, will be operating our farms and our cattle ranches and those are the individuals that we should be thinking about this morning. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Pappas. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, would