

distinguish the Scottsbluff nursing program from the other University programs that have been scheduled for budget reductions and that's not to say that I don't support the Scottsbluff nursing program. I supported it last session when we voted on it. I plan to continue to support it as a part of the entire University program package. Frankly, I think that mid-year cuts of the University programs right now in the University budget would be totally inappropriate and would totally be disruptive to the administrative process at the University. So I will vote in favor of the amendment to include the Scottsbluff nursing program as a cut along with the other University programs and later I hope to have the opportunity to argue for the position that none of the University programs should be cut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Chambers, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when Senator Schmit was talking about the school at Curtis, when we were in school we'd learned The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam about the moving finger writes and having writ, moves on, then a few more words and it says, not all your piety nor wit can cancel half a line or remove a word of it, meaning that once that deed is done, it's over. If Curtis goes, it will never come back. It is fine for Senator Goodrich to make a speech about what is owed to rural Nebraska on this particular issue, but there have been other opportunities to vote more substantial issues to show concern for rural Nebraska and those issues went down the drain too. So we all understand that this is a tight situation that we're in talking about budget cuts when it becomes specific. First of all, I think it is the height of irresponsibility to try to do what we're trying to do in seven days and meet even on Sunday, I wasn't here, the Lord's Day, as Christians call it, but not all people call it that, or Saturday, as Seventh-Day Adventists call it the Lord's Day. But in any case, I wasn't here. When very weighty decisions are made for reasons other than those that mature deliberation shows they ought to be made, errors result. We come back for special session time after time after time. There are some senators who say we're just part timers and we have other jobs and activities to go to. Some of us are not like that as individuals and the special sessions are showing that the Legislature as a whole is functioning now on just about a year-round basis. But I would like to ask Senator Warner a question about this that we're dealing with. Senator Warner, other than the program having