

into the American Legion, Boys State, American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State and also some others. But my suggestion is that there would be no paid speakers and administrative costs would come right out of the Legislative Research budget and all the participants would be responsible to pay their own transportation costs...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...like there are in most of the other programs, but my message to you here today is let's try it for one more year and I'll certainly promise you that I'll try to do my best to work for it. But like I said, the two youths that were down at the academy from the 19th Legislative District really thought it was a good cause and so I at this time, I would urge you to oppose the Nelson amendment and then mine will be offered right after that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members, at the moment I'm not quite sure how I'm going to vote, Senator Nelson, but I'm glad you brought the amendment. I participated just in part of that conference last year and I had a very fine young man from my district who was there and I think he did get a lot out of it. I have talked to him at last once since then. The young woman who was chosen from my district, and I did talk to the people at the schools. I understood ahead of time what was going on in the schools and how they chose the students, and I was proud of those two. The young woman had a problem when it came right down to the conference and couldn't get there. One of the things I'd like to point out at the moment though concerning this program as opposed to others is that Whitehall is at risk here in Lincoln in Senator Wesely's district and the Department of Social Services decided they can't fund it. There are some negotiations with Lincoln Public Schools and so on. Those students cannot be just thrown out into the street. So when I look at a program like this and equate it with Whitehall, then I think Senator Nelson has brought us a very good idea. I understand that the money just wouldn't be picked up and given to Whitehall. And the other thing I'd like to point out, the Water Conference, I think Senator Nelson maybe didn't emphasize enough, that's all private money and that is a tremendous tribute to people who go out and work for a project that they think is important and the other one that you mentioned is