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Executive Vice-President of the University. Now the University has prepared an application for federal funds to get this program started and then Gus Lieske suddenly decided that he knew more about the subject of nurses training in Lincoln...in Nebraska, rather, than the University or the hospitals involved in Lincoln. So consequently, he wrote a letter to the University saying that not..for them not to even apply for the federal funds. Now, as far as...I'd like to expand on that a little bit. For example, I did talk to Senator Kennedy yesterday. I gave him a copy of this letter and this is not as a surprise to him. It was only brought to my attention the day before yesterday when I happened to speak at a hospital group down at Lincoln General Hospital, frankly, the Hospital Administrators, and this wasn't even the subject matter being discussed but in the discussions we had after the talk that I gave they brought up this particular plan and

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the city of Lincoln and the outstate area is going to be in trouble when it comes to the production of nurses unless we adopt this motion. To give you an idea of how much trouble it is, as Senator Kennedy probably knows, there are three outstate nurses training colleges. One is at a Junior College on an AD program at Scottsbluff. One is a hospital based program at the Mary Lanning Hospital at Hastings and another one is the St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island and all together, these three schools produce 80 students. There are 140 students being produced in the Lincoln area. Add this to the..OK, add this to the 80 students that are produced on the combined effort of all three of the outstate schools and you have the difference between 80 students and 220 and, believe me, you cannot get along on 80 students for the state of Nebraska, to meet the needs of the state of Nebraska in the Lincoln and outstate area.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, did you wish to be heard on the issue again. All right, Senator Kennedy, then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, again..

PRESIDENT: The Speaker is sitting out there. Thank you.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members and I am happy to be corrected, not too often that we have a gentleman sitting in front that is so apt in the correction. I would speak in this manner. We do have a nursing program in Norfolk which Senator Goodrich didn't speak on. We have one, I am sure, in Chadron. We have one and I don't know how many other places because I don't have the figures. This is something that is brought up..now the whole thing that Senator Goodrich gave me was one letter from Gus Lieske written to the University of Nebraska. No information further than that he was making a statement which, if I had an opportunity I would visit with Gus and get more detail on it. I do not have the detail but I do know we have a lot of good nursing programs scattered out over the state. I knew that Bryan Memorial has a good nursing program here and they are discontinuing it. They have not contacted us for any further information and I again state, the only thing Senator Goodrich gave me was a letter written by Gus Lieske to one of the administrators in the University of Nebraska, which really has no information in it that I can see that we need to work on at this time and I would hope we wouldn't disturb this nursing program that is set up for the state of Nebraska without further information. Thank you.