

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you Senator Warner. My other question is on the nursing program and you indicated that there was some federal funds available and that there are some students in the university program using these federal funds, and if we do not supplement or replace these federal funds with this \$265,000, we will lose some of these...some of these people will not be able to continue. Can I ask how many people we are talking about that are in jeopardy?

SENATOR WARNER: Someone is going to have to remind me of the number of students. I don't recall the number of students. Senator Dworak I believe that this is the third year of this program and each year as they went from ... a freshman passed to the second year to the third year student and the fourth year student there have been additional general funds appropriated as another class moved in, the \$265,000 was federal funds that was understood, I think it was three years ago, would be necessary to be picked up at this time in this, I think it is the fourth year of the nursing program and as a result we are keeping a commitment which I guess we had for three years, or at least everyone that was involved understood that legislature or the state had.....

SENATOR DWORAK: Will this be an on-going appropriation or is this for this year only?

SENATOR WARNER: This is for this year only, but it is not a one time expenditure Senator Dworak because to maintain the nursing program would require this to be continued whatever adjustments there are for inflation and that type of thing.

SENATOR DWORAK: Does this money go directly to the student, in the form of scholarship or what?

SENATOR WARNER: No, this is operational funds for the...including both the staff as well as operating costs for the nursing program.

SENATOR DWORAK: If we didn't approve this money would they then let faculty go?

SENATOR WARNER: As I understand it if this is not approved, why certain faculty would be let go but there is a number of students that are freshmen this year that would have to be given letters that they could not be admitted because there would be insufficient funds to provide for them.

SENATOR DWORAK: Is this an RN program, a degree program or... is this a practical nurse program?

SENATOR WARNER: RN, a four year program.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, and for Senator Dworak, this was one of the things that was inadvertently left out because when we made the commitment four years ago to start a nursing program on the University of Nebraska, Lincoln campus, we felt very fortunate to have federal funds to start the program. The