

you're talking about is a reduction in the University of Nebraska's appropriation of \$394,000. It comes out \$263,000 approximately at UNL, \$90,000 at UNO and about \$40,000 at the Medical Center. Now tuition remissions were started some years ago and up until this year, in which we changed the budget format, tuition remissions were not identified as state aid as they are now in the budget. And we did that for a number of reasons, primarily however, was the contention that there was no student scholarship assistance by the State of Nebraska and that was what was peddled with some of those groups that provide national information. Well the facts are that we were doing about \$7 million of tuition assistance, scholarship assistance, to the public institutions in Nebraska, but because of the budget format it was, for some reason or another, not done. What has occurred over the years with tuition remissions since it was first started, and that is that when an increase in tuition occurred that then there was a corresponding increase in the general fund appropriation equal to the increase in tuition in order to be able to maintain approximately the same number of tuitions to students. Now there is a whole list of things that are included besides need that these scholarships are available to. Need is one. Other academically based active reserves which is statutory, war orphans which is statutory, employee and dependents graduate assistance, Regents scholarships and other fellowships, Latin American scholarship programs, Missouri reciprocal agreements and men and women athletics which I should point out that men and women athletics are only used in the case of the University and the state colleges, at the University are only used at UNO. UNL has no tuition remissions as a part of their athletic scholarships. The facts are that if you take the ten percent increase away from those that are catalogued as need, then you have automatically reduced the number of scholarships that might be given. By and large they are Nebraska students now, even the other ones. Ability-based is 90 percent Nebraska. Membership-based which is reserve staff, war orphans, 98 percent Nebraskans. Service-based which is graduate assistance, some of those fellowships, it's low at UNL, it's 58 percent. But one of the things that is talked about is the Governor's task force on higher education, recommended funding for scholarship program. Specifically in that recommendation, however, was language it should not be done at the expense of the public institutions. You should not have to reduce their funds to provide the money. This is in fact what this amendment