

May 11, 1987

LB 492, 780
LR 147, 148, 149

President.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: The amendment is adopted. Other things for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, new resolutions. LR 147 by Senator Hefner. (Read explanation of LR 147. See pages 2158-59 of the Legislative Journal.) Will be referred to Reference Committee. LR 148 by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read explanation of LR 148. See pages 2159-60 of the Legislative Journal.) LR 149 by Senator Remmers. (Read explanation of LR 149. See page 2160 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, Madam President, Senators Nelson and Ashford would like to print amendments to 492 in the Journal. (See pages 2160-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

The next amendment I have is by Senator Abboud. (The Abboud amendment appears on page 2161 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, serving on the Appropriations Committee, I would say that the most difficult thing I had to face was deciding when you give an increase to a particular agency and when you give a decrease. We gave the University of Nebraska an additional \$1.7 million because their Cash Funds were reduced by that amount. What the amendment that I am offering before the body is a reduction in the budget of the University of Nebraska by \$1.7 million. Now the reduction in their Cash Funds by \$1.7 million was a result of reduction in tuition that they would receive. The University of Nebraska has consistently over the years had a reduction in the amount of students that are enrolled at the university. Back in 1983, we had 41,903 students. It dropped in 1984 to 40,760 students; in 1985 to 40,163 students, and in this past fall semester, beginning of the year, the most recent statistics that I could get were...and which the Appropriations Committee rely upon, there was a reduction in the amount of students to 39,904 dollars, 94 dollars...94 students. Now this has been a consistent reduction in the amount of students. The university came to the Appropriations Committee and said, we have had this reduction in students over the past fiscal year and the reduction has amounted to \$1.7 million. Now, we are deciding in the Legislature on increasing funding to Kearney State College. In the coming '87-88 fiscal year, we will increase teacher