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one year or two years, Senator Warner and others, trying to solve some of the problems we have with duplication of higher education and I see here some potential, no promises, but I see some potential for solving some of the problems we have in duplication and to better use our state's resources by cooperating with other states. I read the fiscal note and they talk about a potential fiscal impact two years from now of \$8,000, initial fiscal impact of \$2,000. I do not think that that is a great amount of money to risk. I think we are talking about a sum of money and I think that is not tremendous and I think that it is a gamble that we should take. Now I don't know that this is going to work but I think that we should try it. We should try and achieve some coordination in education. I think Senator Lewis who was involved in this from the start has done a good job in seeing that we can pull out and has been involved in it and I'm sure we will continue to be involved in it and so I think we should reject Senator Murphy's kill motion and try to see if implementing LB 291 and this compact can result in some savings to the State of Nebraska in the long run and those savings would be far in excess of the \$10,000 we are talking about here.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Dworak is next but before Senator Dworak speaks I would like to introduce a guest under the North balcony. Senator Hasebroock has a guest, Victor Maresh of Schuyler. Would you please rise and be recognized please? Thank you. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I have a couple of questions of Senator Lewis. I would like to ask Senator Lewis to expand a little bit on this interstate cooperation and specifically spell out some of the things that Nebraskans might gain from institutions and surrounding states and also expand on some of the things that Nebraskans might be able to offer, students from other states that might come into Nebraska.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator Lewis, please?

SENATOR LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I certainly would. I do have upstairs and I should have brought it down, the number of outstate students that attend Wayne State College in Senator Murphy's district, Peru State College in Senator Merz's district, University of Nebraska at Omaha in a number of our districts, Chadron State College in the northwest part of the state and it goes the other way. We have a lot of students at Scottsbluff that go to Wyoming and