

student, somebody from Iran, Lebanon, or wherever, to come to the state of Nebraska and obviously it is going to be easy for them to stay here the 180 days, much easier than it would be a student from Iowa. They can't go home. It is too far. We are going to let them be a resident. They are going to get resident tuition. The student that lives in South Dakota, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, or Iowa, or any of our neighboring states, are not going to get resident tuition. It is that simple. Now, if that is the intention of this body, fine, then accept Senator Johnson's amendment. I can't quite buy it. I do understand his problem that he is referring to, because this young man that lives with him would like to become a United States citizen. He does have to stay here five years, but quite frankly these people that come from these foreign countries to universities in this country are not too strapped for money. Out of state tuition does not normally bother them too much. As an example, this young man that is living with my son one day when he was going out one night handed him a wad of bills to keep while he went out and he had \$7,000 in \$100 bills in it. That is more money than I have ever saw in one chunk in one time. To allow these kind of students to have an opportunity to become residents of this state supported by...in an institution of learning supported by the taxpayers of this state whereby the students living in our neighboring states do not have that opportunity, to me is rather ridiculous, and I would urge the body to reject Senator Johnson's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch on the committee amendments....no, on the Johnson amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, Senator Johnson visited with me about this proposed amendment. Prior to the time of his introduction I accepted it. I think it is an amendment that will improve. We are talking about a considerable number of individuals who have come to this country and who reside in Nebraska, and there is no doubt in my mind that they intend to remain here, and if we are going to wait five years to make some provision for them when they are pursuing higher education, we are imposing a severe hardship and particularly on those families who have approved them as guardians, in many cases it is churches and others who have assumed this responsibility. I have enough faith in the Regents and the College Board of Trustees that when they establish the rules and regulations that there will have to