

because it is being worked in a number of areas with reluctance perhaps but I think we can end up with quality education opportunities minimal of duplication where it is not necessary and at a more efficient use of tax dollars as well as the students' and families' dollars as the case may be. Why I would agree that the choice is not easy, I think that the greater right would stand on the side at this point to support Senator Dworak's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I appreciate Senator Chambers' comments. As I said before, I am going to state one more time, those universities and colleges are worried about losing students are probably not going to get those students in the first place. Through general studies these students oftentimes are motivated to pursue an academic and professional degree or a very technical area of achievement. They will be the beneficiaries and I have a difficult time understanding why they have such opposition to a general studies program on the Fort Omaha Campus. It is only parity, and I am surprised at Senator Goodrich. He frequently talks about parity for UNO in relationship to UNL. Now he has suddenly forgot parity. I think we ought to talk about that a little bit. You have got to remember that that area that we call Omaha is a rather large metropolitan area, has not a homogeneous grouping of people but a heterogeneous group of people having different needs and talking about expenses, Senator Dworak is talking about this since he is the Chancellor of the Exchequer, appropriations. Community colleges get state aid and that state aid is given to community colleges based upon their weight of courses. And general academic courses are rated as most efficient and cheap courses in terms of costs. So I can't get all excited about that and not only that, but remember, we talked about nursing. It is interesting now when we had the hearing, there were people down there opposed to allowing community colleges to introduce nursing. They said, we have sufficient nurses and we have the institutions training them and we agree with them. However, since that time I was advised that a private school was going to put a full blown nursing program. The same private school was opposing Metro Tech from having that program. Now I have a little difficulty understanding testimony occasionally but that kind of testimony does not, in our best interest and it doesn't necessarily cause me to become a good friend. I understand those colleges defending their own turf but I sometimes think they want to extend their turf too far beyond an area where today we are satisfying a large number of students that are becoming productive students and some of them one of these days are going to be outstanding academic scholars and I think that is what we must do. Therefore, I continue to reject the Dworak amendment.