

SENATOR NICHOL: So this really probably wouldn't have any bearing on that, right?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I can't...you know none of us could promise I don't think what the final figure for any agency is going to be.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Was there a proportionate decrease from the Governor's budget the same percentage all the way across on educational institutions?

SENATOR WARNER: His budget had a variety of percentage changes from what educational institutions (interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: My point that I am getting at, Senator Warner, was the University, community colleges and the four state colleges all reduced commensurate with each other?

SENATOR WARNER: The five percent cut that occurred was done on all agencies in November. Now the Governor's budget for this year, as I recall the state colleges had the highest percentage increase, then the community colleges, and then the University, as a percent. That was his initial recommendation.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, so you are saying the Governor proposed a higher increase for tech colleges than state colleges and the University of Nebraska?

SENATOR WARNER: No, no. State colleges had the highest percentage increase, as I recall, and then community colleges had the next, if you are dealing with percents, had the next second highest increase, and the University had the lowest percentage increase in the Governor's budget bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, then did you take a percentage of the Governor's proposed budget (interruption)?

SENATOR WARNER: The tentative figures in a broad, the tentative figures that you are referring to from the committee are based upon a five percent increase in salaries which was the same as what the Governor indicated, zero percent in operations which is what the Governor's staff indicated they generally did, and we also had an allowance where utilities were, as we almost always do, have an allowance for utilities something in excess of the zero percent because utility costs do go up. And then there are...

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman...Mr. Chairman...