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public colleges in the State of Nebraska for students who might be eligible for SSIG then I think that we should be fair and also offer it now for the independent colleges since the constitutional cloud has been cleared and it is perfectly constitutional. And as I told you this morning, we did appropriate at one time \$180,000 and the Governor did have it in his budget when he came before us in January, and I think that if we are going to provide the public sector with some relief in loans, then we should do it in the private sector as well. So I support Senator Wesely in his motion to provide that fund for the independent colleges to be distributed by the Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, on the number of issues a question of constitutionality is not the primary matter being considered. A policy declaration is being sought here. I can't give you any guidance in how you ought to make that decision, but one thing that people who believe in an idea will continue to bring that idea up again and again when the rules allow it. They will amend the bill or alter an amendment that had already been defeated which in substance is the same thing, yet I don't see anybody getting upset or angry. I just want that into the record because we all do it when our interests are being served and I intend to use the same thing and I want to indicate that I have a precedent for it being established not only today but other days. I just thought I would call it to your attention while it is happening.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. Would Senator Wesely yield to a question, please?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Wesely, my understanding of what you are doing is you are appropriating or attempting to appropriate \$170,000 to administer the program. Correct or incorrect?

SENATOR WESELY: No, that is for the....yes, that is for the scholarship program, yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: For the administration of the scholarship program.