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of these, would they be Nebraska students or would they be...Nebraska residents, I should say...or would they perhaps be residents from other states also?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Vickers, there are several private institutions including Nebraska Wesleyan here in Lincoln that would benefit from this particular amendment. Now I can't tell you right off hand what the mix of Nebraska residents and nonNebraska residents is at the private schools so I would assume there would be some of each.

SENATOR VICKERS: What are the criteria to benefit from these? Are there other criteria as far as need is concerned or how are these monies available? Are they strictly scholarships based on academic qualifications?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Vickers, I can't give you a definitive answer to that. Senator Cullan might know the answer to that. I would assume it is a combination of need and academic achievement but that is an assumption.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Hoagland. I appreciate those answers. I just have a policy question, I think it is, that this body needs to think about. If it is Nebraska students, Nebraska residents whose parents are Nebraska taxpayers or who themselves are Nebraska taxpayers, I have no problem with tax dollars going to private schools to be used for assistance to these type of students. On the other hand if we are sending tax dollars to these private schools to be used for assistance to out of state students, then I have some problems with that and it seems to me that I recognize that perhaps we are not in a position where we can make those changes or that determination right here and now but I suggest that we should be at least aware that we are in a position of taking funds from some of the public colleges or public institutions of higher learning in this state that are supported by tax dollars and averting them to the possibility of using them for out of state students in private colleges and, as I suggest, that might have a detrimental impact in the future as far as the taxpayer is concerned.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I have a question of Senator Hoagland if he would yield.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland, will you yield to Senator Dworak?

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