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SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Hoagland, I would like an explanation of what federal funds we are going to lose if this amendment isn't adopted?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Dworak, it is not clear that we will lose any federal funds at all and I....

SENATOR DWORAK: I am sorry. I misunderstood you. I thought that was the comment you made.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I said there is a possibility we will.

SENATOR DWORAK: What funds are those that...?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: These are federal funds that are available for scholarships for college students.

SENATOR DWORAK: How many dollars are at risk?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Dworak, I can't give you that answer.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you. I strongly oppose this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would rise to support the amendment and the reason why I do is I think it is only a matter of equity. Apparently this decision was made by the Supreme Court of our state that nonpublic college students were eligible for these funds. We would have certainly this year have funded that appropriation had we had the money. Now it seems to me that since we have allocated so many dollars for students that we ought to make that money available to all of the colleges of the state and not just to those that happen to be tax supported. It seems to me it is only a matter of equity. I wasn't here when the law was passed but I am almost sure that as far as all of these students are concerned they all have to be Nebraska students. I don't see how in the world we would be giving grants out of state funds to any one other than Nebraska students whether they be at the University of Nebraska or one of the state colleges or tech colleges or a nonpublic college. I think we would have covered that in the bill when it was written.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.