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SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. President, members, a lot of what I wanted to say has been said. I support Senator Hoagland. I think it is only fair that this money be distributed equally among students. I might say that the denomination that I belong to has a teacher's college at Seward, Nebraska and they do prepare teachers, Christian teachers, to teach in Christian schools as well as in public schools and they are certified when they come out. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to indicate one more time, the Hoagland, Senator Hoagland's amendment if adopted, as I understand it, Senator Hoagland, you can correct me, the affect of your amendment is to reduce by \$70,000 the state's scholarship funds that are available at the University, to reduce by \$36,900 the scholarship funds available for students at the state colleges, and \$12,900 by the scholarships available for students at the community technical colleges? Is that consistent with what you think the affect is?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Again I would repeat that it is not a question of equity. When you are short of funds, you're short of funds and greater equity of shortage is not sharing that shortage with more people but rather trying to maintain some level of quality in that area that you can, and then when times get better, if they do and hopefully they will, then the deferral of the scholarship fund for the private colleges can be appropriately taken up next year hopefully or the year following, depending how long it takes to get out of the economy. I see absolutely no merit in restricting the ability of students to attend the public institutions which is the effect of Senator Hoagland's amendment and I would genuinely hope you would vote this amendment down.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I hope that you will oppose this amendment. Senator Warner has given the very best reasons and I am not going to repeat them but it is, although the legislation was passed some time ago, they have not been funded and it is somewhat of a new program and there is no question but what when the economic picture changes that funding for these private colleges will be fine, but as of now the funds are so inadequate, they are