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Studies Department and I think they have generated money up to maybe \$3 million in the past year. Some of what they have done has gone over the Voice of America and I have my feelings about that proposition too, but nevertheless I am trying to speak in behalf of a program which might be of some value to the state. The Alumni Association, Senator Howard Peterson, those two words together make me shudder. Nobody could think less of an Alumni Association than I who am speaking against the proposition to cut the funds. The information that was given to me is that what is accumulated through that association is factual material of a kind necessary to comply with various federal requirements.

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if there are programs that the University participates in which bring federal funds and you cut out this Alumni Association, then the money is going to have to be found to comply anyway or the money that is generated for federal programs will be out the window. So it is not quite as simple a proposition as Senator Haberman may honestly have thought it was. So I hope that you will defeat his proposal here this morning...or afternoon, or whatever.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would also like to rise briefly in opposition to Senator Haberman's amendment. You know, I think that a lot of us have heard about Afghanistan in the news the last two and a half years. It is a small country populated by highly courageous individuals who for the last two and a half years have withstood a full scale assault by the Soviet Union, their neighbor just to the north. That country currently has tied down over 50,000 Soviet troops who have unsuccessfully for years now tried to dominate it. Now I know from talking to a friend of ours who is a member of this Legislature that there have been several representatives of this particular program that have been to Afghanistan itself and who have engaged in map-making activities which have chartered heretofore uncharted areas of that country, which have perhaps been of aid to the persons that are resisting Soviet aggression. I think you have got to understand how important this center can be to national security not just for the furtherance of language studies and for the furtherance of knowledge about the culture of that country. You know, Senator Chambers said that there is really no other program like this in the whole world. I guess he meant the whole western world because we know that there are programs like this in the Soviet Union. And I will wager, Senator Haberman, that whoever makes the decisions in the Kremlin these days about whether to finance Afghan studies are not calling for cuts in this particular program. Now Afghanistan is the focus of a great deal of world activity right now obviously, and the Afghan Center in UNO which is unique in the western world brings a lot of that focus right here at Omaha. We have some experts, including Tom Gouttierre, on the faculty of UNO who himself has spent a lot of time in Afghanistan, who himself is included in these radio interviews and these Voice of America broadcasts

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