

people who have that potential, and we are able to find that potential through nontraditional means and try to expose them to become leaders of Nebraska and, hopefully, help improve the state and themselves, great goal. Make sure that we do not duplicate the situation by attracting the same students that we attract already. If we do, we are going to spend 145,000, \$130,000 unnecessarily, and that I'm opposed to. I'm also somewhat concerned where the project is being directed from. I would like to see it be in a little more traditional place, realizing, however, that it is important for us, in the pilot project, to try to have some control over a program we put in. I'm not against the present position. I only point out that at some point that we may want to move this operation, hopefully, it's very successful, and, hopefully, it can grow, move it to a more traditional area of government. I've spoken about both of these ideas with the Speaker, and I have been assured, and I am convinced that the Speaker's goals and mine are the same. I will support the bill. I thought it important to put it in the record that there are these caveats involved, and I have every confidence that the Speaker and his leadership and the members of this body will see to it that these possible problems do not occur.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please, then Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I rise...I support the concept, I think. I think Senator Hannibal said it much better than I can say it. But I think if we keep dumping more things on the "good" students all the time, I think what Senator Hannibal says, I have some concern. I guess I was not on the floor but I heard in the speaker's...Senator Schimek talking about the student at risk, because I think there are some students that have not even been identified by the leaders in their schools that get lost and may be helped by this particular program. But, if we're going to keep doing it to the same ones, I think we are...the cheerleaders and the football players and so forth, I really have some concern. And I hope that is not the reason, have to stand up here straight, reasons for the bill being introduced. But I really think we needed to look at that second level of students in our school, the ones that maybe have some potential and not select the one that comes...that is selected by every group to do everything. I think that is what Senator Hannibal was simply addressing. I have some of the same concerns, that we do a good job of