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SENATOR SMITH: Yes. Yes, and I would just say that, of course, I was not necessarily going to mention Hastings College, but I was going to say that it also then allows local people, those who have needs, since it is need based, those people that have a choice, that they could attend the local college then, if they had that choice, where otherwise they may not be able to afford to.

SENATOR HALL: That's correct. Many of the students who are in these private colleges cannot get to a public institution. They don't have the ability, they are not located near one, they are sometimes housewives working, parents, they don't have the ability to go to the public institution in Lincoln or Omaha or Kearney, for example.

SENATOR SMITH: And it would open the door then for these kind of people to be able to take advantage of an education.

SENATOR HALL: Well, I thought the door was open. All we're going to do is prop it open.

SENATOR SMITH: I see what you're saying, all right, and I'm very supportive of you, of course. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I just would like to stand in support of LB 651. I was present, of course, at the committee hearing when it was heard and we did hear opposition and it was a very lively debate that day, very lively committee hearing. The committee amendments, of course, take away the problems that the opposition had, and as I understand it, everybody is pretty well contented with what has happened here with the committee amendments and I just want to urge your support in advancement of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR HALL: I'll just close.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: I'll pass.