

we lumped the entire amount of money into the program as it currently exists. That is simply the reason for setting up the separate account, so to speak, that money as we now appropriate it for this purpose would go into. Again, there was never an argument for 12 years, or whatever, until there was money. There was an argument but there never was much of an argument. It was like a discussion, I guess, and at the point in time when there is something to fight over, folks come to the table, and they have come to the table at this point. And there are two ways to deal with it, I guess. One is the original intent of the statute that is currently in place, and that is those monies being appropriated according to need, student's need, not an institution's need, but a student's need. And we, through the Section 11 of LB 810, and LB 468, are seeking to change that intent, and I firmly do not support that change, and will address this issue again when it is brought up on Select File. I think it is important that this be continued to be explored and discussed by the membership. I'll be interested in seeing what comes from Senator Withem's request of the Attorney General's Office, and will again discuss this issue both on this bill, as well as 651 and 468 at the appropriate time, but I would urge the body to advance LB 812 to Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a question I guess of Senator Hall, but first might I state, I got in very much on this need when I was requested on my nursing bill not to give it to the wealthy and let's give it to the needy. So I learned I think considerable amount on this and we are talking about two very important things in this. I know it is easy for Senator Hall to skirt the real basis of what we are talking about, but what we are talking about is if you are able and want to go to a school that costs \$8,000 a year and you can afford that school with your Pell grants and your other grants that you may receive, you will maybe receive \$4,000 worth of other scholarships, so your unmet need, and Senator Langford understands this, we had this on Kearney College discussions, is \$4,000. So the student, I will say is more capable, probably more wealthy and can go to an \$8,000 school as compared to a student that goes to Kearney State, a community college or so on, that the tuition and the costs are \$3,000. Naturally, that student that goes to the \$3,000 university or school does not