

whether it's one of the officers of the NSEA or whether it's a gentleman that speaks from the Department of Education at Washington, D.C., or somebody in another country, everyone has the right to an opinion. And we're going to hear a lot of things said, Senator Moore, about our election and whether we're going to be up for election and what they're going to do. Certainly, I heard it last year from the motorcycles group that you were supporting. I got hammered and hammered waiting for the election to come around but we still did what we had to do and we ignore those things. And I think Senator Moore knows that as well. Using an issue of what someone says, that's in a...certainly a right position for anyone in the State of Nebraska to say that their organization is certainly going to look at how we respond to their issue in order to decide who they support is a reasonable position for someone to take. I would like to, however, get to the main issue. In doing so, I would like to go into a brief little history of business and incentives. This Legislature, whether all of them agree...all of you, at that point, if you were, agreed to or not, agreed that businesses need incentive. Businesses need some type of incentive in order to get in gear in the State of Nebraska and the Legislature responded maybe not wholeheartedly but certainly responded with 775 and 773. You look at industry and they're in severe, complete competition with each other. And one of the things they do is they pay the most possible to get the best possible person for the jobs in the executive areas of their industry because they want the best ideas, they want the best brains, they want the best product and they pay for those. And that's competition, that's business. We had industry that wanted to come into Nebraska and one of the things the industry says when it looks when it looks at to where do we want to go, this industry that is paying a top dollar to compete, they're saying, you know, one of the things we look at in states when we're going to relocate or we're going to begin a new business is what's the educational research in the State of Nebraska? What's the shape of higher education? And the State of Nebraska was told basically by industry that the state of higher education, particularly in research in this state, stinks. And last year we came in with a \$4 million increase. This year the Appropriations Committee is looking at another \$8 million over a two-year time. We are responding to that and we are increasing the research because educational research is what business looks at as it ties into business competition and economic expansion that we, in this Legislature, so desire and want. How does this tie into the Lynch amendment? Very easily. We have to assume,