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Medical Education Foundation, but it's an intern program. There are funds also in the area of potato development specialists, a center for economic education has some funding, a poultry pathologist, and then there is funds that relate to the center for children and families in the law which will be discussed, I suspect, in more detail. This is part of the whole Children and Youth Program that has been discussed. And finally, the last one, as required by statute, there is a separate appropriation for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture located at Curtis. I would only mention that in this, and we can discuss this later when we get into it. By the way, all of the...of higher education recognizes and the General Funds are adjusted to allow a 5 percent increase in tuition at all institutions with the exception of UN-O which would have a 5 percent only one year, the last year of the biennium, and the reason for that tuition being different is that they are already very close to the top or at the top of their peer group on tuition and it would seem appropriate not to put them above their peer group. They ought to stay somewhere within the range of the other institutions that are in their peer groups. The other thing I would mention on Curtis, which I think thought should be given to, the appropriation here was adjusted for General Fund just as we do all agencies because of anticipated Cash Funds and in this particular case they were estimating substantial number of increase in students and if that doesn't occur those funds also will not occur. So there may be some discussion when we get to that part of whether or not those projections of increased enrollment are valid and are likely to occur because if they do not occur, it would have some impact on their programs. With that, Mr. President, that's a brief review of those agencies and with the permission of the body I would ask Senator Wehrbein to speak next. As a matter of fact, this noon...members of the Appropriations Committee and the order is reverse order of alphabetically so it would be Senator Wehrbein, then Senator Scofield, Schimek, Moore, Langford, Johnson, Hannibal and Ashford.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, I have lights on. Is it your wish that you run through these of the committee first and then have discussion on whatever...

SENATOR WARNER: I think it would be, if the body is willing, I think it would be helpful if we could do all...

PRESIDENT: Pardon me, I didn't hear.