

back in the initial hearings requesting some support to continue... to help continue in the funding of this particular Indian Community College. Their request at that time was for \$72,000. The rationale for this at that time was that about 18 percent of the students at the college are white and, therefore, has been a fairly important link in northeast Nebraska for advanced education. Non-Indian enrollees are not eligible for a public law funding, therefore, the Nebraska Indian Community College receives no federal or state funding for them. Since 1981, the Nebraska Indian Community College has served over 300 non-Indian students. During the 1987-88 academic year, there were 69 non-Indian students who were enrolled at this college. The Nebraska Indian Community College has served non-Indian students for nearly 10 years without state assistance. However, the constant decline of federal funding is jeopardizing continued service for Nebraska's rural residents, the non-Indian students who choose to attend NICC. This situation has prompted the NICC Board of Trustees and Administration to seek support and financial assistance from the State of Nebraska through Wayne State College, and that's what this is all about--a request through Wayne State College for funding. As I said originally, this was an amount of \$72,000. We are proposing at this time to allocate \$25,000 to serve as a...to support an academic counseling position and related costs to serve academic counseling needs of students attending Nebraska Indian Community College, particularly as those needs relate to the needs of Nebraska Indian Community College students transferring to baccalaureate programs of study at Wayne State College or other postsecondary institutions. Most of these students do go there the first two years and then transfer to other colleges, particularly Wayne State College. We propose, as for the Appropriations Committee, that this is going to have to be looked at in much detail in the future because it would represent quite an increase or quite a change in policy at this time because this college is supported now 100 percent with federal funds and tuition. State of Nebraska has not, up until this time, supported this at all. This proposal we have here is to allocate this 20...approximately \$25,000 for the counselor via Wayne State College. In other words, it stays in the Wayne State College budget. This person would serve the three campuses as a counselor at this time and we would look at this issue in depth between now and the next budget next year to see if this is an appropriate thing for Nebraska to get into further and to ascertain as to how far this might need to go. What's happening, their federal funds, we understand, are not