

I believe it is a very good indication of the willingness of Wayne State College to work with the Indian Community College. It serves the needs of both Native American and non-Native American students and it provides for interrelationship of the two institutions. There has been a lot of emphasis placed upon cooperation between the institutions in that area and I want to commend the faculty and the President of Wayne State College for their interest in trying to serve the students of northeast Nebraska in as many capacities as they can. I am sure there are others who will want to comment on this. It is a very small amount of money but one which I believe is very important because of the recognition it gives to the efforts of Wayne State College to serve those students in that area, and I move for its adoption.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Dierks. Did you wish to speak on this? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I am sorry that I was not in on all of the Appropriations Committee's discussions this year, but I am guessing that what may have happened here is that there was not a request through the Wayne State College Board of Trustees for this amount this year. I don't know, and maybe somebody from the Appropriations Committee can explain this, but last year, if you recall, the Appropriations Committee did include this amount in the appropriations budget and it was taken out by a line-item veto. And as Senator Schmit said, it is a relatively small amount. In some of the explanation that I received from the Indian Community College, they have made some progress regarding the matter of receiving some funding for their non-Indian students, and they say that in December of 1989 they did sign a contract with Northeast Community College, and through this dual enrollment agreement, they do get about \$11,000 for the non-Indian students. But when you figure out what the Bureau of Indian Affairs would generally allocate for the amount of students that they have, it is a far higher number. So if we could put this \$24,000 in and in addition to the \$11,000 they are getting through Northeast Community College, this would bring this up to a \$35,000 figure which would go a lot of the way toward meeting, I believe it is a \$50,000 figure. The community college, if you are not aware, has only been...has only received its...oh, let's see, I am lost here in my place...they have only gotten their accreditation about four years ago, and they have several campuses. They have had a lot