

had my light on and debate was ceased, I would like to ask Senator Moore or maybe Senator Johnson some questions. I have on my mind yet, I wonder what...Senator Moore and...could you help me out on this, where this funding is going to come from? Is it going to be part of the increase that we're talking about in property tax for depreciation or increase in utilities, or many of the suggested tax on services or whatever it is to get the final line on the budget? Is this part of then the cuts in Kearney State College, UNL or our community college where we're not able to raise those salaries? My community college, I think considerably below the Grand Island school system. Is that...help me out. Where is this money going to come from?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Nelson, as far as part of the new money coming in, the answer to that would be, no. To argue that are you...what does this have to do with the cuts. Well, obviously, if you have roughly \$1.5 billion to spend, I mean,...

SENATOR NELSON: Uh-huh.

SENATOR MOORE: ...it all competes. And so I mean, obviously, if you did not choose to fund this, maybe you wouldn't have cuts.

SENATOR NELSON: Right.

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SENATOR MOORE: ...it does...all things compete, obviously. So...but, you know, if you chose not to fund this, maybe you wouldn't have to cut the budget as much. Actually, I mean, if you chose not to fund this, you could eliminate the cuts entirely, I guess, if you wanted to. But they're...but it's been funded at some level this year too, this bill already has.

SENATOR NELSON: Some of us, not having had the advantages sitting through the Appropriations Committee and so, somewhat are a little bit disadvantaged in being able to support or nonsupport this. I see two issues, one is if the funding is there, and I...form letters back from my teachers said...I said that I had to be realistic in our budget this year. And they said, so be it. And I hope it isn't that way. And another thing is, how are we going to help education? So that was my