

would just like to reiterate a couple of things, Senator Landis I think gave a very excellent rationale when he was talking about the movement of education, and that education is kind of a multifaceted sort of approach anymore. And this is just one factor. Certainly and nobody argues that public education ought to be funded and should be given the vast, vast chunk of dollars. This does not change that, it does not change that. What it does do is provide some incentive for some needy students to open up an alternative educational choice. Now that educational choice may not be...or the alternative may not be to go to a public school in the State of Nebraska, and we can't assume that. That choice that they may make without this bill is to go to an independent college outside of the State of Nebraska. Remember, when somebody goes to a college outside of the State of Nebraska chances are they're not coming back. This bill would help to discourage some of that in a sector...those students who may need that assistance. Let's talk about the question that's brought up, kind of waned, I guess, in the latter part of the debate, but the question about proprietaries. Proprietaries have a different function and should not be included in this, and there's a good reason for it. Proprietary institutions are proprietary, they are in the business to make money. Whereas the independent colleges and universities that we're referring to are in it as a public good sort of approach, they're in there...they're nonprofit institutions, they're not in there to make a buck. If they have to balance off, if they have to take away money that they can't...that they're not getting from other students they have to raise tuition which again can drive away students, or else they have to cut into the quality of their programs. We don't want that for Nebraska's institutions. The second aspect is a question of what programs have been set up, and whether we're creating, or whether we're throwing off the balance of educational assistance. And I mentioned in my opening that we're not doing that. We've got our general appropriation from the State of Nebraska to our colleges and universities, and it's an enormous amount. But we've also got, outside of the programs that Senator Warner talked about, he talked about two of the direct aid to student programs that we have, and he talked about the limitations on that, that we've got to...we've got to try to keep a balance, some semblance of balance within that program. What Senator Warner didn't mention, or at least not strongly, was the fact that there's \$10 million a year in tuition remissions. It's another form of direct aid to the students, or not direct aid, but a form of aid to students. There's another 11 million