

admit. But we have to start addressing this. I see this program as, okay, it's 30,000 this year, if we don't provide transportation for these kids and these kids have to come in on their own cars, who is going to be liable for the liability of that if one of those kids goes out and wrecks a car that night? Is the State of Nebraska going to be liable if they are sponsoring this conference? Remember, now this is not a code...this is...the Research is doing this, not a code agency. Who's going to be responsible for that liability of the kids?

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I'm sure that the Legislature would not be responsible if the kid...if the student was driving his own car, no.

SENATOR NELSON: You're more sure than I am...

SENATOR HEFNER: Yeah.

SENATOR NELSON: ...if they were sponsoring the conference. But the only thing I have to say is this...this is a conference that, no doubt, everything that we have here does some good. I don't care whether it's a bill that Senator Johnson brought to us earlier, predator, the wolves and the sheep or whatever, or if it's education, it's for teachers' training, it's for education in other states, it's for Senator Smith's geography bill. Every bill that we have here on the floor does some good, but when we have a program that is as doubtful as this one is and yet what do we hear from the taxpayers at home? You senators will not bite the bullet, you will not address the budget problem, you merrily go along the way and I'm not saying that there isn't a small amount of good done for the 100 children or whoever may be affected by this. And it is good to get away from home once for three or four days or five days that you may or may not have. The one girl in Grand Island that was in mind, she had been away from home a lot of times. I turned down the first two. You senators were to be asked on who do you want from your community. I don't think any of you had any input this year in the students that were being picked for this program or actually even the guidelines. So, with that, I know the bill has been amended, 30,000 is a lot closer, or \$60,000 than what 15. Fifteen simply would not have done it and if you don't have some follow-up, you still haven't done anything with the program. So, with that, I just ask you folks to consider is this your top priority for funding this year or one of them? And make your own...