

amendment, AM1946, Senator, as you indicated. (See page 2331 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I heard a speaker some time ago, some address, I do not recall where, but he made a comment which I wrote down. What people believe as said in the coffee shops of Nebraska is as important as the truth. Which is what somebody perceives you are doing, whether that is what you are doing or not, is what you are faced with, and I have a suspicion that what I am offering here is probably perceived to be something other than what it is. I have had passed out to you two, the amendment, with the illustration of how these funds are presently allocated. The first sheet reflects the amendment that was filed, AM1574, and the second page would reflect that amendment if the amendment I am offering printed in the Journal, I believe, would be adopted. The other day there was some suggestion made that, when we were discussing scholarships, that I had been amiss in not mentioning tuition remission, which I didn't because that is a separate program, but I am certainly willing to talk about tuition remissions, which I don't recall when it was established but that's a good many years ago, and essentially, those were for, as I recall, a variety of areas, some of them are for academic achievement, I believe. Some of them may deal with graduate programs. Some institutions, not including the University at Lincoln, may have athletic, but over the years that tuition remission has not ever been increased to cover more people. It has only been increased as tuition was increased with one exception. I believe there was an increase made in the numbers for a couple of the institutions in the state colleges when Rural Health was established. But other than that, there has been no change, with one exception. And there was an exception, and I do not recall the years, but it was when I was on the Appropriations Committee, in which tuition remission had never been identified on the budget documents. If you look now on the document that was passed out to the Legislature, it shows that as state aid, which prior to that time it had not been separately identified, and I was involved in making it very specific that that was an identifiable item in the appropriation bill. So there never has been an attempt from me to change that. I appreciate that this is a complex subject, every time we deal with the tuition program. If you look at the first sheet that was handed out, it essentially would show that we