

particular budget request that could well be funded, and I am concerned that even 39,500, which is not a large amount, it just really justifies others requesting money for their particular areas of need. We carefully...we spent many hours working on this subject, trying to find out where money logically should go. We cut, I forgot, how many hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the request for these very programs, and it looks like to me this is, even though it is a small amount, this is a request for a special area that probably is deserving, I won't say that, but there are certainly others that are as deserving or more so. And once we start funding this expansion in the NEB*SAT area and all of these good qualified programs, we are going to run out of money very fast. So I think at this time it is inappropriate to fund this, and I would urge your rejection of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Madam President and colleagues, I rise to oppose the amendment. As Senator Moore said, a couple of years ago I stood on this floor and said once we open that door, it is going to run and it is going to run and it is going to run, and this is not a substantial amount. I would be willing to support it, an amendment in some other areas, but I oppose it based on where the funds are coming from.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chizek. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well, I don't have a past history here mentally to recall, although there was some talk about it in Appropriations, as far as the source for these funds, and reallocating them, moving them from a former source. Probably, one of the things I am looking at here is that if you look at these funds were used for training and for job training. That is what you are going to continue to do. Basically, it will be funneled into one area perhaps more than another, and that is allied health. And looking at the areas that are being designated here, which are in western Nebraska areas, and the need for training and help in that particular field and the fact that health programs, hospital in our area is our largest employer, it is 850, and you have regional centers. The only way that you can keep the type of employees that you need in places is to be able to train them and to be able to train them close to home. Having this available at the community college in western Nebraska would be just one small piece in a huge puzzle that is gradually funneling, that is coming around and