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one of them I know appreciated it and each and every one of them that was chosen simply participated it. I do have to tell you, and it's rather kind of a smirk. I think Senator Hefner sent this back around again and sometimes the news media, I don't know where they get sometimes the comments or where it comes from, but the true losers...this was from last year's paper, are kids from poor, difficult, contentious or even average backgrounds for whom the leadership academy may have lighted a spark, may have been a turning point. These are not the kinds of high grade proper school activists regularly found in Boys and Girls State. I will not mention any names, but one of the girls that was originally appointed from Grand Island, Nebraska is, her father is owner, I know, of four or five farms west of Grand Island, has owned at least four large motels, owner of several banks and yet she was picked very, very high, very well respected in school, one of the top students. Opportunities that many of us have never, never had and yet she was picked as one of the participants. Naturally when I saw it I recognized the name. I don't have an ounce of anything against her, but how in the world could you justify picking a student like that with above average opportunities, above average intelligence and be picked as a student at risk to come down here to participate in the program? It just seems to me like, and my taxpayers are telling me and I think you heard the University of Nebraska was asked to cut \$4 million from their budget. Sometime we senators need to get enough strength in our own selves to bite the bullet and when we see programs that are not...sure, every program we have down here can be justified to a certain extent. I can't name one that someone isn't helped, but I think that this is just the time, it has run its course. The idea was good to begin with but...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...each and every year it hasn't turned out to be that way. There are other programs available in the state and I think that we should take advantage of those without the Legislature trying to create another one. The amount of dollars are not large, but as I say, I can see 25, 50 other programs here that would also like to use that amount of dollars and my taxpayers are saying it's time for you folks to cut a few programs, clean up your own act and carry through. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment on the desk?