

question, had to ask it because it now bears on the issue itself, but we give to students whose folks, who never ever have supported the State of Nebraska, whose folks don't live in the State of Nebraska, don't intend probably ever to live in the State of Nebraska, and we give those students about \$3.5 million a year. And what we are talking about, with the cutback, is a small amount of money, that students have to qualify for who happen to go to private colleges, whose folks, and loved ones, and themselves live in this state and pay taxes in this state, and I think we should take that into mind. I've got all kinds of information about how much we spend in the form of aid to students at all levels, and revisions or part of what we spend from tax dollars to help offset what the real cost is to educate somebody in a higher education system publicly operated in the state, but I, what I am doing, Mike, is simply opposing your recommendation for the cut. I think we have to show some consideration for those students, and whose folks who made the decision to go to private schools of higher education, and also for their parents who pick up the tab. Very seldom do you ever hear of parents complaining about the fact that it costs so much money. I don't know about the rest of you, but I went through a couple of pretty good-size houses with tuitions in private schools, and I am not kicking. That's our choice. But on the other hand, there are students who should have the opportunity to attend these institutions who, in fact, do need financial help, and this is the money we are talking about. It has always been opposed by people on the principle that we shouldn't be spending this money for this kind of purpose for these particular students, and that's the reason I raise that issue about parents who, in fact, pay taxes in this state and make that independent decision, as compared to kids who are going to school in this state whose parents and folks never will, and the kind of aid they receive. So for what it is worth, I have some other examples, depending on how long it goes on, but, in any case, I would...I would respectfully suggest that this is no place to cut, that, in fact, it has been difficult in the past to find sufficient money to help offset some of those costs. I can...I can go into an awful lot of detail about how many millions of dollars this means to the state, and those are the kind of examples we always use when we try to justify either supporting some small increase in spending, or opposing it, as the case might be. In this case, though, I stand very seldom, as you know, to argue or take a position, if it's...if it isn't necessary, if enough conversation has carried place, already taken place in that regard. But in this case, I thought it was