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thought it was interesting, as a member of the Education Committee, of those that were opposing the bill, because I also feel that we need to use as many tools as we can in this fight against tobacco, particularly for teenagers. And I do have faith in the young people. I think this is a great idea that they can involve themselves in this project and come up with some ideas that possibly adults don't often think of. The debate on the funding I think is very...very much of a concern, but I...I do, at this point, suggest or support that we do take it from the Excellence in Health Care Trust Fund in the fact that that's what the fund really has to be about is antitobacco issues. I know that we might be setting a precedence in starting something down a road, but in this case it is a grant program, it is limited to three years, it is, in a sense, as Senator Beutler said, somewhat experimental, and that I think all of these factors would certainly be something that we could support in using the funds this way. I...I don't know, Senator Bohlke, if you're close to a microphone. One question that I have had addressed to me, Senator Bohlke, one question I have had addressed to me is that on page 3, where it talks about the scholarships, which I think are an excellent idea to get our...provide some funding, are these limited to use in Nebraska? I don't know if there's anywhere...I'm sure the intent was, but I'm not sure that it states anywhere in the legislation that they are to be used in Nebraska. They...it says on page 3, line 25, a \$5,000 scholarship. Could you address that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Senator Stuhr, it does mention...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...in the bill to Nebraska colleges. I'm trying to find out...

SENATOR STUHR: Oh.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...exactly where. It comes under the part where we direct it to the Coordinating Commission in the Scholarship Assistance Program.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, great. I'm glad to find that out because