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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, in fact, that's something that caught my eye. As I understand it, the university employees are supplementing the cost of their health care to the extent of approximately 9 percent of the premium dollar. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's where they were. I think it's gone up since the first of January.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And our own state employees, the increase in their health care costs, which you just referenced, are supplementing their health care premium dollar cost to the extent of 21 percent. Are they not?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So that's a disparity in how we are treating, although I understand that the employees of the university are under the Board of Regents, and the employees of the state are under us, but we draw from the same pool and we're both public institutions providing public services. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Wehrbein, when I used to serve in the Appropriations Committee I was always worried...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...and I...and I certainly don't challenge why it's done. But I was always worried that we were presented with the most compelling case for giving money to all of the agencies, not just the university, all of the agencies that ask for money. Like I remember in my first year, I think we were going to eliminate the renal dialysis center or something like that, that was the proposal for the University of Nebraska Medical Center. And we would all kind of chuckle and say, well gee, that doesn't seem like the kind of program we ought to take away. That practice, in fact, prevails, does it not, in coming to the Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, we're suspicious sometimes.