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expand, we need to expand, and look at the issue of making...of helping minority students being successful on campus. I would hope that the university may be looking at the program at Creighton and seeing if they are seeing positive results and may also start to implement, and I don't know, perhaps they have a plan in place to start to do that. But certainly I think this issue has raised that...that awareness to a number of people that we have not been very successful in keeping and recruiting minorities beginning at their freshman year in college, and then certainly in the professional fields as they get their advanced degrees. And so I would like to see the Kristensen amendment be adopted and possibly some direction of those funds for retention and recruitment of minority staff and hopefully a message to the university that it would be our hope and intention that the university begin to have a program, if they do not already have one planned, for make...for helping and assisting minority students to be successful in that freshman year and helping them and keeping and retaining them until they graduate. And so with that, Mr. President, I rise to support the Kristensen amendment and relinquish my remaining time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Suttle, on the Kristensen amendment, AM2982 (sic--FA337).

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I do support the Kristensen amendment. I have some more figures for this year's ability of the university to meet its benchmarks, the process for hiring new faculty for 2000-2001 academic year on UNL campus. They have been starting with this. The accepted written offers: minority, 8 have been accepted; female, 11 have been accepted. And of the 11 new women faculty, 6 are of color and 2 were appointed at the senior level. Of the 8 new minority faculty, 2 are male and one of the men has been appointed at the senior level. Outstanding written offers: there are 6 that have not been...for minority, have not been replied; 5 female. Of the potentially new minority faculty, 1 is at the senior level, and of the potentially new women faculty 2 are at the senior level. So I will pass this out for you to read and to look at closely so that if a page could come and pass this...make copies and pass this out to the body. I do know that...I heard Senator Bohlke talk about retention. One of the problems that I see as...as some of the