this morning. (FA338, Legislative Journal page 1200.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I think Senator Kristensen brought you up to date as to where we were yesterday with reallocation and so forth. This is...this is an attempt to move us forward in this area and I think do what is appropriate for the problem there in terms of recruitment, development and retention of minority and women faculty members. This bill puts an additional $500,000 into the University of Nebraska budget. And I believe that it is an appropriate way to move forward with this because I recognize, and I think most of us recognize, the difficulty in recruitment and development of the minority faculty members and women faculty members at University of Nebraska. I, myself, personally think they have been working very hard at doing that. It is true that they are one person short of the one that they should have this year. This gives them additional funds to move forward in this area. It would be my intent that this would be fairly broadly interpreted in terms of spending the money so that it is not wasted, if you will, but it will help them to do more nationwide recruiting. I also want to remind the body, and Senator Chambers is aware of it, and as part of the discussion here is that we put an additional million dollars out of the Appropriations Committee, put an additional million dollars into scholarships for minority students, $800,000 yesterday, per the amendment of Senator Beutler, $800,000 to UNL, $200,000 to the state colleges and community colleges for the purpose of recruiting minority students. This, I think, speaks to the base root of the issue of trying to recruit more students. If we're going to have more faculty members, ultimately, we need to have more students, ultimately. And I believe that that scholarship money that we put in should be recognized as part of the solution for this issue. And by putting the money in for scholarships, it should attract students to all areas of the state of Nebraska's higher education: community colleges, state colleges, and University of Nebraska. So, some of that money that went into the scholarship should help to alleviate the situation here. This $500,000 new money to the University of Nebraska specifically for the recruitment of minority and women faculty members, I believe, should be adequate to do the job for