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came in and indicated that there was a lack of clarity in a couple of ways. And that lack of clarity is straightened out by this bill, with the support of all of the participants, the University of Nebraska, and the state colleges. And it basically does two things. With respect to the community colleges, it takes the current language of the bill, which was somewhat too narrow for what everybody intended, and indicated that scholarships could be given to anybody in the community colleges who are enrolled in an associate degree program, and who had an intent to transfer to the University of Nebraska. That's change one. And the second clarification, it was always intended that they could also transfer to the state colleges. That needed to be made a little clearer, in the opinion of some. So the second change is to clarify that the transfer that would qualify for the scholarship would be one to the state colleges, as well as to the university system. I think that's about all there is to say about it. I would certainly be glad to further elaborate on the changes or on the background of the program, if anybody should be interested at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This bill was heard in the Education Committee on Tuesday, in fact. And it was advanced without dissent. The same is true for last session. It was advanced from the Education Committee then. We didn't get to it in the floor discussion. I think Senator Beutler has explained very well. I might add that in either case...neither case was there a committee amendment. There isn't one now. I think Senator Beutler has explained very well that it really makes two changes; deals with students in the community colleges being eligible for this scholarship program. Allows those in any associate degree program to be eligible, which is one change. The other change is, they are eligible whether they plan to transfer to the University of Nebraska, or to a state college. So these seemed to the committee like good changes. And as I say, it was supported without dissent. So I support this proposal. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Vrtiska.