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feel that it will help to provide some additional dollars for need-based scholarships, even though, as we said, we're sort of transferring the money around. I also do support the committee amendment. We've been debating this issue, as many of you know, for many of the past years. I think that we have come to some compromise, and I think it's important that we have this transition period that we have allowed in the recommendation that the committee has brought forth. I think if you look at that one sheet that says, Estimated State Grant Distributions, if you look at, for instance, University of Nebraska, in 2003-2004, they receive 17 percent; independent colleges, 53 percent. If you look at the full implementation date in 2007-2008, you'll see that the University of Nebraska has almost doubled their amount to 36 percent; independent colleges down to 26 percent. Now I have always supported the PEAP program, and I do support this plan because I truly believe that if we can provide some additional scholarships to students in Nebraska that they will stay in Nebraska. I think it's very important. It doesn't matter if they're going to the university, if they're going to a private college, if they're going to an independent school, statistics prove that if those students go to school and attend school in the state, they are more likely to stay in our state. I think that's a very, very important consideration when we're talking about need-based aid. Also, as you know, the committee amendments contain two other bills. Senator Pederson talked a little bit about the College Savings Plan. I feel this amendment is very important, particularly as it distinguishes the responsibilities of the Investment Council and the Treasurer in regard to the College Savings Plan. The third portion we haven't even talked about, and Senator Beutler introduced that bill, on the college or the Community Scholarship Foundation Program. And, again, there is a provision for \$2,000 for many of these community foundations that we have throughout the state that provide scholarships again for students that are in need. So we've spent a great...this bill is a very complicated bill, so to speak, because it does contain a lot of issues, but I do support the amendment, I do support the committee amendments, and I will turn the rest of my time to Senator Raikes. Thank you.

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