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SENATOR SMITH: ...\$2.133 million and do more with it elsewhere if it isn't taking it off the bottom line of the budget. And so that is why I'm not on a rampage against the private institutions, but I believe that we need to support the amendment on the table right now and do a lot more with that money in the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I am not going to support the amendment, and I want to tell you about a program that exists at an Omaha private school. It's a program that, to my knowledge, does not exist at any other institution in the state of Nebraska. It's a program for young mothers, young single mothers with children, where they have the opportunity to live in the dorms with their children, to attend classes, and day care is provided while they're at class. And they can actually access the library facilities and everything else without incurring the costs for day care or other supports. This is a group of young students that have perhaps a bleak future in front of them without the skills and education that is available in this program. It's at the College of St. Mary's. It's in Omaha, Nebraska. I think that these young ladies and their children deserve that chance, and they won't get it if we can't make this kind of money available to them, so I'm not going to support the amendment. I certainly am appreciative of Senator Raikes and the Education Committee's efforts in merging the programs together and making more money available for low-income students to access the institutions of higher learning in this state. I agree with Senator Bourne that they are some programs that are not available at our public institutions. We want to make sure that we avail these programs, or make them available for all of our students. So I'm not going to support the amendment. And this is one case where I think it's important that we stand up for young single moms and make it available to them. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Chambers.