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SENATOR SMITH: Actually, it would be illegal to differentiate the amount of rent.

SENATOR AGUILAR: What I'm saying is anybody that rents a home in Nebraska is paying property taxes. Directly or indirectly, they are paying property taxes, because that landlord is going to raise the rent to cover the property taxes. In most case, he's going to raise it even higher than he should for a legal status person. And as far as sales taxes, have you ever been in a grocery store line and see the checkout clerk say to the, perhaps, illegal immigrant in front of you in line that, your bill is going to be discounted because I can't ask you to pay sales tax? Have you ever seen that? Of course you haven't, and I contend you never will. Another thing I'd like to speak to, you asked, why don't they just become legalized? For your information, the process takes 7 to 16 years, and many of them try, but if the average person wants to go to work in the United States when he's 16 years old, he better have applied when he was born, the day he was born. That's why so many are not legal. We have a broken system here and we fail to acknowledge that, and that's the part that bothers me most, that obvious situations like that are right in front of us and all we want to do is blame the illegal immigrant. It's their fault. And I've heard comments on the floor, off the floor, from the administration that we can't allow this to happen; their parents broke the law. Now is that somewhat strange to you? Say 15 years ago I would have robbed a bank. Does that mean my daughter can't go to the University of Nebraska? How foolish is that? Another thing I'd like to speak to, and I think Senator Schimek touched on it, immigrant families stay put. That culture believes in family and professes that. If we're going to educate...if we were to educate these children in our university, I think we can count on them staying in Nebraska, becoming a part of the good life. Another point I think I need to make is that over the last couple of years in Nebraska,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR AGUILAR: ...student enrollment at the universities was down by 5,000 students. How much money does that cost us? Senator Smith was talking about how this is going to cost us.