

want to make two comments. One to Senator Schellpeper and one to Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper talked about some of the monies that were in the P2, and then specifically talked about monies for Kearney, UNO and other areas in higher education. What Senator Schellpeper did not mention, and I think that's the important point, he put the illusion out there that there was all of a sudden just a magical increase out there. The request from the University of Nebraska, in these areas, and the request was for 800,000 the first year, a million six the second year, and we've reduced...we've pared that back to 500,000. So are they...are the...do they look at that as a cut? Well, technically, I suppose, it's not a cut, because they didn't have it. But compared to what they needed and what we actually ended up giving, it was a major reduction. Senator Chambers, I wanted to clarify, if I can...if I can...on the crutch situation. I feel that my...and I need to say something because it appeared as if there were two different areas. You said I would not kick out a crutch, Senator Hillman said there would be times, I said I agree with both. Well, how could you do both? Senator Chambers, I want you to know, Senator Hillman, I hope you're listening wherever you may be, that there is a time that I would kick a crutch from a person. But if I did so it would be because once the person found out that their crutch was gone they would learn to understand that they could walk for themselves, and it would be a miracle that would happen, and under those circumstances I would, indeed, kick that crutch out. Mr. President, I give the time back.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before I introduce the...go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Schmitt. We have 13 seventh graders from St. Mary's School in Ord, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Wehrbein. That won't be necessary, yours is the last light on. Senator Wesely, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I've enjoyed this debate. It has been interesting and illuminating and a little bit of fun having the analogy used by Senator Chambers, talking about Tiny Tim and Scrooge. I guess my role is Bob Cratchet, asking to help out a little bit with somebody who is in need of help. And I hope, again, as Senator Chambers talked about, if you have a choice you'll have a heart and take care of