

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to briefly describe what the Hoagland amendment will do. The Hoagland amendment proposes to create a committee of five people, two of whom, and incidentally this is on 1483 of your Journal. Two of these five members would be University people, UNO people, two of whom would be residents of the area immediately adjacent to the west end of the campus who shall be selected by the state senator of that district and the fifth member on this commission would be the state senator of that district. Guess who the state senator of the district is? It is Senator Hoagland, so Senator Hoagland would be in control of three of the votes of the five member commission that would be established. They would, in turn, study the needs of the University, both land acquisition needs, the construction needs, that sort of thing and then bring back a report June 30, 1984. You notice that that is after even the '84 session is over with. And then it also would prohibit, "The University of Nebraska at Omaha is hereby prohibited from further expansion of its westward campus boundary by the acquisition or purchase of residential or park land until the study provided in Section 9 of this act is completed." In other words, we would be placing one state senator in control of any of the physical plant needs of one of the campuses of the University. What I am suggesting is that we not adopt this. Oh, incidentally, he also wants \$25,000 for an appropriation to meet expenses of this commission that he controls and then the...well that's...it gets so ridiculous from here on out it is pathetic. But anyhow, what I am suggesting is, and what we are trying to accomplish in 410 is that we draw a west boundary of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. We then acquire by negotiation anything that is east of that west boundary. There are one or two of the people in there that do not wish to sell. We would place the money on the table, say, if you want to sell, fine. If you don't want to sell, don't sell. Live right there if you want to but at least we then have established a west boundary and the fighting between the University and the neighbors would be over with. We would then be in a position of settling a lawsuit that has already been filed against the University, UNO. That lawsuit says that you have already taken the marketability of my home away from me, so now buy my home. It is a reverse condemnation lawsuit is what it is. He is saying to us that, I am suing you to make you buy my home because you have already, by creating a cloud on this area, you have taken the marketability of my home away from me, now go ahead and buy it. We would be in a position to settle that lawsuit. We would also be in a position of establishing this west boundary beyond which we are not going to go. No traffic will go