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I'm now in the process of having the University and others in a like position, like the normal schools, in order to draft an amendment for 197 applying only to Hiram Scott, it doesn't apply to Pershing, which will restrict the thing to the point that everybody should be satisfied, it will apply to nothing except in the area of health assistance. Now if the Chair will bear with me I want to illustrate. If you go to the office of a Dentist, you have an x-ray, the chances are pretty good that even the Dentist has not been proficient to the point of fully understanding the operation of the x-ray machine. A good deal of the time he has young ladies who do it for him, under his supervision where he may be there and may not be there, and what they really endanger the life of people. One of the other things is to train the Dental Assistants, and every thing in that field of health assistance in the area trying to do for the medical profession training these people to the point, under the supervision or direction they can do what only they can now do. I have no desire and if what I say is not true, then you ought to kill the bill, I have no desire whatsoever to affect or to put into Hiram Scott in any degree anything pertaining to the activity of a normal school as they now exist in the area of a Junior College as they exist or the University as it now exists, this school is only, if it's allowed, it's the only school of it's kind within the fifty states, and I'm sorry that things got completely out of proportion. Now the Federal Government which we are also trying to do, we are trying to set up under the Federal authority and with some Federal funds, what they call a, it's composed of two or more states to do the same thing. Now in the city of Scotts Bluff, fortunately we have two large hospitals, we have a staff of assistants to the point that it doesn't apply percentage wise in any other area of this state, and we are only trying to do these things which no other University or no other normal school or no other school of any kind is attempting to do, and if what I say is not true, in any degree, I'd be the first one to assist you people here to kill the bill. This bill is no subterfuge in order to have Hiram Scott come under it. But I'll guarantee that 197 will be restrictive, so that it will solve any apprehension that anybody has in your case your normal schools, to be sure that in no case are we going to interfere even now or in the future unless this body would permit it, which can always happen on anything, and I understand your apprehension Senator and if I was in your position I would feel the same way unless I could be assured which is my response to that it's not going to affect the normal school children nor any other normal school, that I'll assure you, I'll assure you this bill if it's adopted will not by indirection do what we can't do by direction either.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Kelly, then Stahmer, then Syas.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body, I believe LB 197 is a perfect example of how not to legislate. If you can remember way back to when it first came to the education committee it was a real simple little bill, changing five years to twenty years. We have amended this now to include two different sections and it's so far afield of it's original intent that if we should consider this at all, the only way it should be considered is to take it back to committee and have another public hearing so we can find out what the people do think about these far reaching amendments that have completely turned LB 197 upside down at least two maybe three times. I do not believe we should bring LB 197 back let's take each one of those three separate propositions, put them in three separate bills and discuss them as they should be discussed.