

have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 20 nays, 19 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is lost. Do we have another amendment on the--

CLERK: Amendment read.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. The last vote was exactly what I expected it to be. And I can read this Legislature like a book sometimes. What I want to do here is to say that if we had this much confidence in this Board of Educational Lands and Funds then we should give them the power to buy land. If, as Senator Fred Carstens says, that land is going up and double in value in a relatively few years, there must be some truth to it somewhere in Nebraska. It's true that land has increased tremendously in eastern Nebraska in the last few years so I would presume that the Board would want to buy land where it was going to increase the most in value which would be primarily in eastern Nebraska and incidentally, all the land in eastern Nebraska has been sold and since it's such a wonderful thing for Senators to have land in their district that's owned by the State, I want to grant the privilege to the other Senators in eastern Nebraska that they can have some State land owned by the schools in eastern Nebraska and so therefore, I would like to make it possible here and I want to read this again and I have put this amendment on your desks, "The Board of Educational Lands and Funds may purchase land," I didn't say shall, "may purchase land upon consideration of all relevant factors that such purchase would be in the best interest of the educational trust." And so I have had this amendment prepared by Emory Burnett and so long as we have this much confidence and faith in this board, then I'd like to see this amendment adopted. I so move.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas. Then Stahmer, then Goodrich.

SENATOR SYAS: Just a short statement. I just want to--well I have to talk about the amendment, don't I, well, I don't-- I'm not against the--this amendment of Board of Educational Lands and Funds purchasing land, but I just wonder if really, the purposes stood up for, if Senator Whitney's in error, I hate to say that he's, he's a good friend of mine but there is still some school lands in eastern Nebraska and fact is, there is some school lands in Sarpy County. I know exactly where it is and sometime if you have time, I'll take you out there and show it to you because I put a few--a few hooks in the Elkhorn River right where it is. I have to pay the farmer for--per year though.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer. We're still speaking on, of course, the Whitney amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body. I'd like to support Senator Whitney 100%. I think this is both a good amendment and a very constructive amendment. I think it's a step forward to ensuring proper land utilization for the young people and the people of this State for centuries to come and I commend them for bringing forth this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay. Senator Whitney yield to a question, please?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, sir.