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to be taken care of by either western, Nebraska Western College at Scottsbluff or at Chadron State College. I think at the present time Nebraska Western and Chadron State College has a comprehensive extension programs that are a credit to the panhandle area. Nebraska Western College and Chadron State College has been used for conferences and convention centers. They've served the people of western Nebraska very well. Now I want to ask you this question. Couldn't the University of Nebraska in cooperation with Nebraska Western or Sidney Voc-Tech School and Chadron State utilize those facilities for the same programs that are proposed in LB 179? And I think here is something else you should think about. It has just been a few years back due to the atmosphere created by the University of Nebraska that resulted in the closing of an Agriculture program at Chadron State College. Now I think one thing we should think about, and that's the taxpayers. I haven't had one taxpayer that would suggest that we can afford another major institution of higher education in the state of Nebraska. I think they all feel that we have just about all that we can take care of now. Now what would the economic impact of the enrollment out in western Nebraska, at Hiram Scott College or the University of Nebraska at Scottsbluff have on Chadron State and these other schools. We know that it proposes now to limit it to these two programs but all it would have to do, come back next year, we could amend the bill so that they could start academic programs and I just don't think that the state of Nebraska or the taxpayer state of Nebraska can afford another institution. Now here is another thing that I would like for you to think about and this information was furnished by the schools and for the comparable endeavors, it has always cost more at the University of Nebraska. And in answer to a questionnaire that was sent out like programs at Chadron State cost \$1459.00, at Kearney State \$921.00, Peru \$1590.00, the University of Nebraska at Lincoln it cost \$1990.00, a substantial higher cost. So I would ask each Senator how they can justify in voting for a major that would duplicate the services of higher education more than what we have at the present time. And then another reason that I don't think that we should up and pass this bill today. If we desire to construct a new building, we usually study that matter and for a good reason. So, I think we should, at least, consider a study of this matter before we adopt 179.

SPEAKER: Before recognizing the next two speakers, I'd like to introduce in the north balcony 24 Sixth Grade students and three mothers from Emerson and Columbus Public Schools. The teachers are Marcella Hanson and Myron Sinevek. Will you please raise your hand so we can see you. Thank you very much. We are very happy to have you here. The chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President and members, I have a great deal of respect for the opinion of Senator Stull. However, I must differ with him on this issue. I don't believe we are creating another institution at all. We are talking about buildings that are going to be given to us and it seems to me that some of the area residents of Scottsbluff and the territory out there because of their proximity to Wyoming sometimes feel that they are closer to the state of Wyoming than to the state of Nebraska, and I think this is rather a natural thing. They are a great distance from the eastern part of the state and many times, and rightfully so I believe, they feel left out. Therefore, I believe that this bill is in the benefit of the state of Nebraska and it would pull the state of Nebraska together uniting in a real degree the east and the west. And secondly, although many times, probably more often than not, I oppose Senator Carpenter, on this bill I agree with him and I think not only