

itself to. I've been asked by several people here today what my position is. I said if anything I've leaned toward favoring this legislature passing LB 179 and this is based not upon just the fact that the bill is talking about higher education. I do believe that there are things we should be addressing ourselves to beyond this higher education, that being the things I mentioned earlier, programs for the mentally retarded, services for the blind, etc. I think when we've got a state this size, the Legislature owes the people of that end of the state to make these services as accessible to them as we possibly can. This is why I, I hope that you would address yourself more to the possibilities beyond just the medical schooling that could be accomplished at Hiram Scott, these other areas as far as services to the people of western Nebraska.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislature. I would support the kill motion on 179, not on the basis to do away with the University of Nebraska or its expansion into western Nebraska but on the basis that the University of Nebraska would be expanding in western Nebraska into technical trade education according to the limitations that we have put on this bill. Now we have in western Nebraska a technical school at Scottsbluff, at Curtis, McCook and we have two schools in North Platte. Now in the reorganization bill 533 coming into the Legislature to make community technical colleges into state-wide districts, in order to get a taxing base at 1 mill to operate these schools that western district is going to come way down and include almost the and I believe the City of Broken Bow. That's practically one-half of the real estate of the State of Nebraska to get a tax base for these community schools to operate. Now the geography that we're covering in western Nebraska, these smaller schools spread out through that vast area is a necessity. It would appear to me that a large, huge technical training program put on by the University of Nebraska in Scottsbluff would become detrimental to this trade program spread throughout the western Nebraska area. I plead this Legislature and I will the time that I'm in it, to expand and improve and do everything we can for vocational training for the people of Nebraska. We have done and we will always continue to do great things for the academic training for the few people in Nebraska that go to college. Let's continue and always keep in mind to do more and more and more for the workmen of Nebraska and the people of Nebraska by expanding vocational training. Now if expanding vocational training means to put the University of Nebraska in the driver's seat in the western area of the technical trade schools, then 179 should go on its way. But if we would rather have smaller schools with local input, then we should defeat 179 and get 533 up here and fund these technical training schools to operate on the local basis that we've been trying to get off the ground here in Nebraska for 5 or 6 years. I support the kill motion because I believe 179 to be detrimental to the development of a thorough state wide technical training school.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. First of all, there have been a lot of members out in committee hearings who do not know now that as of now the bill, 179 is, affects only Hiram Scott College. Pershing College has been amended out. Now with that in mind, I'd like to, if Senator Carpenter would yield, I'd like to ask him some questions.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Senator Carpenter, do you yield? Do you know what the bonded indebtedness is on the, approximately on the dormitories at Hiram Scott?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me ask you, what has that to do with