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way when we talk about energy fuels, when we get to the place where we see a problem in our water resources, this is going to look like child's play instead because our whole economy depends upon this. The work that we need to do in research and in finding out what's happening to our underground water as related to our service waters is something that needs to have careful attention. Some of us have felt for a long time that our Ag College has not had the consideration it ought to have had. I'm persuaded that with a vice chancellor we will have a more direct approach, both in the way of budgeting for the college of agriculture and dealing with some of the problems at hand. I feel that we have not had this and in many ways the College of Agriculture has been forced to accept the crumbs that fall from the table. I believe this is going to bring about a change in this. I repeat that I think that agriculture is important and the entire economy of Nebraska depends largely on what happens to Agriculture. I feel this is an important bill and there are a lot of interests behind it. I think we are unselfish in it, some field that if there is a vice chancellor provided for the University there ought to be a vice chancellor for all of the colleges. I would debate this by the fact that it is unique because it is a complex part of our University. I do not feel that it does lower the level of prestige as far as the other colleges are concerned. I think it just lifts this one out where it ought to be. Most states--maybe I shouldn't say most states--but I know many of the states the College of Agriculture is a distinct part of the University and it is separate in many ways and it does have in some cases a chancellor, in many cases. We mentioned the State of Kansas, the State of Colorado, the State of Iowa and many others and I feel that we're not being overly jealous about getting a vice chancellor for the University of Nebraska. I think we deserve this and I would move for the advancement of LB 149 to E & R as amended.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Kremer, may I ask you a question please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, will you yield?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Kremer, we did have amendments that were taken off this bill and of course you realize that, I'm sure. My other question would be that in the problem that we have in the eastern end of the State with our eastern municipal university which has not turned into the state system, we have an amendment to another bill and I wondered if in our area of trying to strengthen our College of Engineering that possibly you will look favorable upon this.

SENATOR KREMER: The College of Engineering?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, in Omaha. Agriculture, we can see your point and I feel as though I can support this and I want to support it, but if we have a similar situation here, is it possible that you might support us?

SENATOR KREMER: You mean that you want a vice chancellor at the College of Engineering?

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, we just want the engineering department placed back the way it was in the University before it joined the state system.

SENATOR KREMER: I'm not sure I know what you're referring to.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well, your agriculture is most important to you in the west and that's fine, but in a city like Omaha that we have 70% of the engineers in the State we're interested in