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to the person involved through the administration at the institution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder if Senator Keyes would yield to a question please.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Wally.

SENATOR BARNETT: Could this, Orville, could this be a policy that the Board of Regents could set forth in their administrative rules or is this a...let's put it this way. Do the Regents have the power or have they been approached for this disclosure...for this type of disclosure?

SENATOR KEYES: I don't know whether the Regents could or not. Maybe they don't want to. But I think the Legislature who appropriates the money to operate the University is entitled to know the people that are working for it, whether they're working full time, part time and if they are performing a professional service, then we should know about it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, you might have a good idea. I mean with the district I've got where I've got almost all of these people living in it, I'm a little bit against it, I can tell you right now. If you want it for the University of Omaha or the University Medical Center or something like that, I wouldn't mind that. But when you start getting down here at East Campus and University Campus, we've got people like Senator Marsh said that do have other things that didn't have anything to do with their job here in Lincoln or their job in Omaha and they're getting royalties and things like this. You're affecting all of them and I say that if the Regents could make this decision and the Regents could make this a policy for their discussion or for any kind of a record that you might want so that you could go in and see it, I think this would do the same thing you're trying to do here by statute. That's actually what I'm asking you. I think it's really a Regents job. And try, try to persuade me it isn't.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Wally Barnett, you can say it's the Regents job but I say it's the job of this Legislature to know what the money is being spent for. Now, if you're worrying about what Senator Marsh was worrying about, she hasn't checked it. Because this does not do with the royalties you receive, it's just like the income from my farm. It has nothing to do with the salary I'm earning, it's on the investment that I have. So this book that she's worrying about that somebody has written and is getting a royalty is not part of it at all. This is for professional services rendered.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, could I add one more request? I'd call for the question.

PRESIDENT: Question's been called for. Do I see five hands? All right. Clerk will clear the board. All those in favor of ceasing the...yes, all those in favor of ceasing debate, vote aye. Just a moment, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Let me ask unanimous consent to withdraw my motion.

PRESIDENT: Motion's withdrawn. Senator Stahmer.