

me more popular today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Presently before the House are the committee amendments, which we must take up and dispose of before we can take up the motion to indefinitely postpone. That is our situation right now so we must deal with the pending committee amendments. Any further discussion then on the committee amendments? Senator Warner. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to oppose the committee amendment. I believe that the bill ought to be enacted as it stands, as it was introduced, and the reason I feel this way is a couple of matters, one as a matter of state policy. It seems to me that as a matter of state policy it is far more appropriate, far more nearly correct, if the bargaining is as a unit for each of the agencies involved whether it is the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges or for that matter the community colleges, and it is for the very simple thing that as a practical matter you can see what will occur. If we are going to have negotiation by campus, inevitably it leads to two things, one will be a divide and conquer type of concept and the other a very practical thing that one campus will be playing off the other in the process of negotiations. I think that for the point of view of the taxpayers of the state of any kind of uniformity of action between campuses that the policy should be a systemwide negotiating system rather than a fragmented system as would be permitted by the committee amendment or other amendments that are proposed. And I would hope that the arguments that have been used where the Court of Industrial Relations says distance is a factor and other such items are not, in fact, true in this day and age. Certainly the Court of Industrial Relations goes far afield in terms of space or distance, I don't mean far afield, they go a long distance in terms of mileage when they make other comparisons. Certainly communication between campuses exists. There is no hindrance for that to occur. In fact, there is maybe five hundred or less miles between the two extremes in the case of the State Colleges, say. That certainly is no big obstacle. I would hope that the body would reject the committee amendments and keep the bill intact as it was introduced and enact it in that form.

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