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SENATOR LANDIS: In response to the question from Senator Keyes, and do I have the floor, Mr. President?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have the floor.

SENATOR LANDIS: Certain...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You don't have ten minutes, Senator Keyes, but he is going to answer your question.

SENATOR LANDIS: We know certain things. This is a developing area and, therefore, I can't answer with particularity in every instance. If this bill were killed, Chadron would be allowed to bargain by itself. It has been recognized as an appropriate bargaining unit and it would be able to organize and bargain by itself. The other three campuses are still in flux. It looks as if those three campuses would bargain together. With respect to tech colleges, existing relationships indicate that generally speaking they are bargaining as one unit, an areawide unit. That is the case with our Southeast Community Technical College area. There across campuses they have established bargaining units. Now they may choose to differentiate between faculty and nonfaculty. Although I am not sure this bill would allow that to happen but they have in that area chosen to bargain areawide. In other areas, they have chosen not to do so, and to the extent that appropriate bargaining units can be found which do not unduly fragment the area, they can be recognized and bargain on a campus level or a faculty level and that is still a continuing situation. Some areas have areawide. Some areas, it looks like it will break down in less than areawide and probably more on a campus level, but it is a continuing area and this is something that is in the middle of growth, and that is why management is striking while the iron is hot because the bargaining process is simply beginning and the organization process is beginning in these areas and on these campuses, and this is a way to mold and shape that process to their best interest.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, are you through. Senator Cullan. The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would have several questions of Senator Maresh, if he would yield please.

SENATOR MARESH: I will try to, Senator Newell. Senator Cullan. Sorry about that.