

it is too late to do anything about it and those two cliches rather bother me particularly with the provision of termination that if Nebraska should decide that this is not a worthwhile project we are still liable for our share of the cost for two years after our termination, is that correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have forty-five seconds left on your time.

SENATOR LEWIS: That is correct. That is what the bill says.

SENATOR MURPHY: I am concerned particularly on the costs that are somewhat buried in here and the proposition of apportioning the budget. Senator Koch touched briefly on how it would be done but there certainly has been no mention of how much that budget is going to be, but article 4, of course, provides that you may contract with all higher education and with states who actually are not a part of your compact. So we are going to create a compact and fund it and let states who are not contributing to it participate in it through contract and that bothers me a little bit.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I would like to try to summarize three years of effort in terms of the Midwestern Conference of State Legislatures in regard to this issue. This has already been adopted in some of the most liberal states in the midwest, Senator Murphy, North Dakota, South Dakota, so that anybody that thinks it is some kind of a funny trend, it is not because those people, like Nebraska, are the ones that have the serious educational problems in higher ed. When we started the meetings with the members from Michigan, from Ohio, and Indiana, you know the question was, how, what kind of service can we provide for you. Actually I think they'd feel just as well with being out of it but I suppose this compact is like another compact that may have strong national problems because it is going to an area concept. That is like that Old West Region thing. Five states in that together. I don't know how much that is going to cost. I am trying to say that that is an excellent idea for five states to get together and cooperate. I am trying to say that that is what we are attempting to do here but I don't want to get tied up in the structure. I