

we do decide to we are going to contribute for an additional two years after we decide we have made a mistake. I for one cannot support a bill, again another bill, that says it is too early to know what it is going to cost us, and by the time we find out, it is too late to do anything about it. I think this is a totally unnecessary piece of legislation. I don't know how many compacts, how many conferences, how many councils of universities our present university people and state college people are attending. Everytime you turn around somebody has just attended another meeting somewhere in the states in regard to higher education. I think we have more conferences and studies and task forces going around than we can keep our fingers on and we are about to create another one and I for one will have to oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Is Senator Koch in the room? Senator Frank Lewis, do you wish to close on the bill?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Let me explain three things to you. All of us have been highly involved in a lot of compacts and I think I am serving or I have served on everyone that we have almost in regard to the national or midwest place. First of all we belong to the National Legislative Conference which I think is immensely important. We belong to the Midwestern Conference of State Legislators. This is where the bill came from. That is how it was drafted. I was appointed by Senator Stoney and I attended the meetings and I was appointed before that to be on it and I have been on the committee for seven years. Sixteen of us got together. There were no college people there. There were no professors. They are all just poor dumb members of the legislatures like I am and we are saying we have a problem in higher education We've got to decide how we are going to do this. They all served on education committees, many of them were chairmen. And so what is your problem? Well, we have got this continuing problem of trying to get our students into schools that we don't have. We can't get them there. Every year there is a problem in vet medicine. How many slots are we going to get from Iowa? Is Colorado State going to kick us out? We need more podiatrists. We need more optometrists in rural areas. Where do they go to school? We violated the law for three years here by sending students to a private school because that was the only ones there were and that was kind of hushed up. The constitutional people didn't jump up there and say what are we going to do about that. You are going to have to have those kind of people in Nebraska and you get them in one of two ways, in an organized method of trying to develop a coordinated program