

of the state colleges and all of the tech colleges by area, bargain as a single unit. In other words the state colleges would deal as one bargaining unit in their labor negotiations and each of the areas of the technical colleges would be one unit. If you remember this bill initially had the University of Nebraska in it and although there was difficulty with that amendment it was finally taken out. At the time, however, all three of the campuses were to be dealt with as one bargaining unit. The idea, the principle that runs through each one of those three areas, the University of Nebraska, the state colleges and the tech colleges is the same and that is, where there is a board of governance, all of the areas under them should be under one bargaining unit when possible. The governance and the bargaining unit should be coextensive. That is the principle. Well along about the middle of the debate last year it became obvious that with the University in the picture, there were enough Lincoln and Omaha senators that could be pressured by faculty members at the University of Nebraska as to the coercive nature of this bill, that they want it off the bill. They would not support it on that basis. So finally in order to get the 25 votes necessary to move this along they took the University out so that the heat came off the Omaha senators. The heat came off the Lincoln senators and finally since they were dealing with everybody else's bailiwick but their own, these giants of the Legislature jumped back on the bill to pass the bill on to another level. In other words, take the coercion away from my people, take the principle as it applies to my district and do away with it but let's let the principle be involved with other people. Let's coerce other groups as long as it is not my district. That is what happened last year. Omaha and Lincoln were saved, consequently the influence that could be had among those senators supported the bill on to the next level of debate. I don't find in that a particularly satisfying testament to the adherence to principles in this body but it is actually what happened and it is unfortunate that we have to face that truth but it is exactly what happened. So now we have the watered down version, the quiet version, the one that only has, if you will, the faculty at Chadron that are a problem. They are a problem out there because they want to bargain by themselves, hundreds of miles away from us. They want to have a choice as to what their bargaining unit