

rates for those people. The committee suggested that language be drawn in such a way as to preclude that. That is what the committee amendments do, and I want to read a section of the letter from Dick Wood, who is the general counsel of the University, and it says: "On the other hand, this legislation, in my opinion, would not authorize the governing board of any educational institution to establish differing nonresident fees within any single educational program. For example, it could not authorize the establishment of a special lower nonresident fee for a classification of students in an undergraduate program who are residents of a particular out-of-state geographic area." This answers, I think, conclusively the powers of LB 304 with respect to the question of whether or not there would be authorization for the Pottawattamie kind of proposal, and I think the emphatic answer is no, and with that I am a strong supporter of the bill and would urge its adoption as I was in the committee at the time, heard the testimony, heard the kinds of problems that people face, not illegal aliens...or rather, I am sorry, legal aliens or the like but people who had been residents of Nebraska, graduates of high schools, left for a couple of years, tried to come back and surmount the difficulties of being found nonresidents. I would guess that in a number of situations, perhaps even the majority, that this bill will authorize previous Nebraska residents to return to Nebraska to go to back to our University and to be allowed resident rates certainly as often as perhaps the alien situation that has been discussed so fervently on the floor so far. The import of LB 304 is simple. It is equitable and it will be applied, I would guess, certainly as often on behalf of previous Nebraska citizens as it will be applied to aliens and I would urge its adoption. And with that clarification I return the floor to Senator Koch who was closing on his motion to advance 304.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, I am going to allow you the full time of five minutes if you need it.

SENATOR KOCH: I don't need it, Senator Clark, and I thank Senator Landis for enlightening us and I am sorry that I didn't ask him to speak to that subject. I want to remind you people that originally when the bill was introduced it was thought that, for instance in the newspapers Pottawattamie County received a great deal of headlighting because they felt that since that was across the river from UNO that this would allow the Regents to immediately reduce the non-residents to a resident status, and that in itself would attract a certain number of people. This does not deal with