

there were colleges other than the University of Nebraska system in existence at that time that were public supported, or at least partly supported. At that time, now going back to Depression days and '40s, they were not community and technical colleges at that time. I agree that many community and technical colleges have been established since the time that you are talking about there, but there were others that were in existence.

SENATOR HARRIS: Perhaps Senator Warner can answer that as we go along.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, I doubt...if he hasn't had time to look at it, I doubt if he would remember those off the top of his head...

SENATOR HARRIS: He says he remembers.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Oh, okay, if he does that is fine. Well, thank you, Senator Harris. My point is this, we plucked out one system to increase their retirement. That is one thing. If we're going to do this then why don't we do it across the board for everybody. And lastly, secondly I should say, is this the time to do this, a time when the Governor says we are not going to increase taxes. He's looking for us to look at places where we can cut down, and here we pluck one out and we apparently are going to have an A bill on this, aren't we? Yes. It's not in the budget that I know of. I just oppose it on that general principle, not that I want to harm these people or hurt them because they are not the only ones that are biting the bullet these days. So I don't think I'm in favor of the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I think all of us read a letter from the Governor recently pointing out that this bill does have problems in that it increases expenditures at this time. I want to just read part of the letter. Last week a bill was reported out of the Retirement Committee dealing with the retirement benefits of certain University employees. While the objectives of LB 290 have merit, the budgetary impact is worth noting. Then he goes on to describe the fact that as all of us know we do have a budgetary problem this year, and I'm with the Governor.