

upon agriculture as its only industry?

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Morehead, I apologize for interrupting but I want to introduce two groups before they leave, 10 fourth graders from Senator Carsten's district at Elmwood Public School, and 35 third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Snyder Public School in Senator Chronister's district. We thank you for coming to visit the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Again, I reiterate that I do think that the Pappas amendment confines this strictly to only agricultural related perspectives. I do think that the Vickers amendment gives it a broader perspective. I am not, even, with the adoption, hopefully, of the Vickers amendment, making a commitment to this bill at this time. But I do think since we have no oversight directly on the University appropriations budget, which we fought out a year ago, that whole issue, that this committee will at least help give us some oversight in big dollar spendings in the graduate and the professional level programs. So I do rise to support this. Give us a chance to evaluate these programs whether it be an investment in an ORION high tech research project or whether it be an agricultural related research or veterinary medicine. Give us the opportunity to evaluate those as a legislative body. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: Madam President and members, I think that we should bring this back a little bit more into the realm that we can understand. We are talking about a bill, LB 204, and an amendment to the bill which Senator Vickers has put on that broadens the scope much more, takes on a much larger issue that Senator Pappas pointed out that he would wonder if maybe the germaneness ought to be tested. I think we did think about this. I think that it maybe could be tested. It is in the same category except that it is a much broader field, covers a...it is a much larger issue than what we can talk about here today under this bill. I think it is something that could be talked about. But right now we are talking about Senator Pappas's amendment to the amendment which points out some of the confusion as I see in the body today, some of the confusion as to who would be on this body and is this body going to just be about