

Nebraska Regents should be involved with. We certainly should be involved, the Legislature. There is no doubt that we should have some oversight and we know we do have oversight. We certainly do have oversight through the Appropriations Committee. So we should not overly restrict the activities in this direction by an amendment which will effectively kill the bill. Let's kill this amendment and then determine the merits of LB 204 and either vote it up or down. Let's not take the back door method of killing the bill by adopting the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Vickers, you are closing.

SENATOR VICKERS: This is closing?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Madam Chairman and members, I guess I first of all would like to ask how many members of this body would give the University of Nebraska this year a 10 percent increase in funds? I would like to know how many of the people who stood up and opposed this amendment would vote for a 10 percent increase in funds to the University of Nebraska. We had a number of students that met on the west...on the north door yesterday or the day before and they were indicating that we had ought to have more funds available for the University of Nebraska and we don't have them. We don't have them. I wouldn't vote for a 10 percent increase in funds for the University of Nebraska. We simply don't have the money and we are not going to have it next year either. As a matter of fact, it is going to be worse next year. We are not going to have it for a number of years. And all of the great conservatives that are standing on this floor who are standing on this floor and saying this is a terrible bad idea and we shouldn't do it, they know we are not going to have the funds and they are not going to vote for those increases either. We can't afford to be everything to everybody and yet we don't want to look across state lines and say, you know, we have still got to provide the access, we have got to figure out ways to do it different and innovative. And I have beat up on the local folks and the local school districts for a long period of time telling them to be innovative. And I look around this floor of this Legislature today and I wonder where all the innovation is here. Senator Haberman says this is too big an issue, we shouldn't bring it here the 20th day of the