

impressed with the facilities and the people at Curtis. I hope it can be kept open. I think one of the major problems at this point is some university people keep saying that perhaps we should close it, and then that has a tendency to decrease the enrollment. But that is a good facility. It should be saved, but Senator DeCamp's amendment or resolution will not save it in my opinion. The proper way to proceed would be to adopt Senator Vickers's amendment to the resolution and impress on all people in the state that that is a viable facility that should be retained and retain it basically as it is now, as a training ground for young people in agriculture. So I would support the Vickers amendment to the DeCamp motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to ask Senator DeCamp if he would yield to a question, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator DeCamp, please? Let's see, I don't see him at the moment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: He's not here for his resolution?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, he was here. I don't see him at the moment, though. I don't know if he's excused or not. Would you like to know if he's excused?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, is he excused?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, he's not excused.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well I don't want a call of the house for the whole Legislature. I only wanted to ask him if he had any indication from the federal government that they were interested in this proposition or not. He leaves me in a position where I don't know how to vote. I don't...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, could I do this, could I go on to the next speaker and I'll come back to you as soon as he returns?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Fine, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, thank you. Senator Barrett, then Senator Peterson.