

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't want to belabor the point other than to say that I rise in total and complete support of the Vickers amendment to LR 313. In looking at the resolution itself, on page 233, it occurs to me that we are in essence offering to the federal government the institution at Curtis carte blanche. I find the language itself almost repulsive. I can't imagine anything worse than turning a facility like this over to the federal government. Senator Vickers' amendment says very specifically that the Board of Regents shall be encouraged to operate and maintain the school at Curtis, to help supply well-trained agricultural technicians. That's been the purpose for many, many years. And I, like Senator Lamb, have inspected that premises. I am most impressed. I would hope the body would support the Vickers amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peterson, please, then Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I, too, rise to support the Vickers amendment and adamantly oppose the DeCamp-Haberman amendment. I had the good fortune of having my daughter apply to the school of Curtis a number of years ago, and have been out there a number of times visiting her because she did make it. A large number of students apply out at Curtis, but they cannot handle, or they couldn't at that time, the number of students that wanted to go out there. I want tell you people that have never been to Curtis that any student that goes to Curtis has to want to go to school because it is a small town and it does not have the...like a Lincoln school where the sororities and everything. You are a long ways from society of going to dances and things like that, like you have to go to North Platte or McCook. So it is a fine school. I've been there, like I said, many times. I think we turn this over to the federal government and I wonder whether they'd even take it at this time with the funding that they are finding hard to come by. I will support the Vickers amendment and I hope you do too. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I'll make my comments very brief. But I think the heart of this issue