

out that the school at Curtis does not really have a constituency that is in any way, shape or form comparable to that which many of the university constituencies are composed of. I think it would be a disservice to that institution, to the students who use that institution, and in fact to the entire State of Nebraska if those of us who were somewhat familiar with it did not express substantial confidence in the work of that school. I have no real quarrel with trying to establish priorities. But I know that I have been informed many, many times of the high priority of certain areas of education in this part of the state. I want to say that I have very rarely been contacted by people from the western part of the state. I guess I'm intrigued a little bit because that school to me, that section of the university is so unique in its outlook and its training, in the people that it educates and trains that it certainly is a more important part of the university than its size alone would indicate. I think that Senator Vickers is correct in trying to pass this resolution because I know also that if I were the president of the board of regents of a major educational institution and I would be besieged with requests for funds and demands for continued investments, that it would be easier to I guess cut off an institution like Curtis than it would those who are in the eastern part of the state. That does not mean it should be done. I recognize also that any time we talk about changing the priorities of the educational systems in Nebraska that if you change those priorities that affect a school such as Curtis the extension service, which perhaps has a greater impact upon rural areas than some of the Lincoln or UN-O programs, it is expected that you get a rise out of those of us who represent predominantly rural areas. I don't believe that Senator Vickers nor myself or anyone else who would support the resolution can be accused of being provincial in our outlook toward the university. But I do believe that we have a responsibility to express our concern about that institution and to express our support, if we feel that way. I think that just as Senator Landis and others, who have a close affiliation with the university in this part of the state, know and are familiar with the services it delivers and the responsibilities it fulfills. I would expect them to try to explain that to us. Then I would hope that they would not look at it disparagingly if Senator Vickers, in the development of this resolution, expressed support for what I considered to be one of the finest branches of the university. I would support the resolution.