

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I also support this resolution. I don't believe it tells the university that you have to do it. It just recommends that we encourage them to consider what the school at Curtis has been doing for the State of Nebraska. I want to say this, the school has furnished some excellent technicians in the field of conservation activities throughout the state. If it wouldn't have been for the school of Curtis we wouldn't have all of the expertise in the conservation or resource districts across the State of Nebraska that we now have. To me that is very, very important because our basic resource today is our soil and water. To gain knowledge in this field is very important. I feel the school at Curtis has provided us with excellent people in the past and we need this expertise in the future. So I encourage you to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have no other lights and I don't see Senator DeCamp, Senator Pappas or Senator Haberman present to close. Senator Haberman, did you wish to close on the resolution?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, as I understand it the Vickers amendment has passed and now it becomes the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's correct.

SENATOR HABERMAN: As far as the closing is concerned, as far as I am concerned as I said before nothing is certain. They can close Curtis by not funding it. We could transfer the other two to Curtis, we gave it to the government. All these things are uncertain and it is just merely a resolution. But as I stated, if this is what Tom wants, as far as I'm concerned I'll support him. It is his district. I still feel the other side of the coin, some people think there is an overlap in courses, it is costly and et cetera. But as far as I'm concerned when a senator stands up and something is in his district and he would rather roll the dice on this than on the other where he could have both if he wanted it, he could have taken our amendment and if nothing happens still fought for the funding of Curtis. So, as far as closing is concerned you've heard both sides of