

everybody that we have tried to be in the past. But I think there are ways that you can make that access available to the citizens of this state and I think one of the ways we need to start looking at to do it is to look across state borders. I challenged the members of my committee when I presented this bill to them, and I will challenge any member of this Legislature, to show me what a political boundary looks like. I have never seen a political boundary. Sometimes there is a road there. Sometimes there is a fence there. Sometimes there is a sign there, but it is no different than any other fence, sign or road. A political boundary between the State of Nebraska and the State of Iowa or the State of Kansas is not insurmountable. We have proven that with the plan that we are just beginning to implement in veterinary medicine. It seems to me we could do that in a lot of other areas in terms of reciprocal agreements, in terms of compacts. One of the strengths of this bill is it begins a process of us entering into a compact with WICHE which is the Western Interstate Higher Education planning council.

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: I think we are going to need to start looking. We are going to need to start looking across those state borders if we intend to provide access to higher education. That, Mr. President, is the essence of 1172 and I would ask for the adoption of it.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Vickers. The question is, shall the bill be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, I guess I am going to have to ask for everybody to check in and have a roll call vote.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, a roll call vote has been requested.

SENATOR VICKERS: Are we still under call, Mr. President?

SENATOR CARSTEN: I beg your pardon.

SENATOR VICKERS: Are we still under call? We are, aren't we?