

people in that community that felt that a total feasibility study had not been done and the implications of the move had not been thoroughly explored. I think that is justified on their part and I think they have a reason for that, too. Now, they are having to make tough decisions and we are having to make tough decisions and I have tried to very much understand their position and I think Senator Johnson should understand that, too. I believe that this legislative body voted to take over the municipal court systems a couple of years ago which is a pretty big move on our part and that wasn't a resolution. That was statute and there are a lot of rural people in here that voted to go along with that. So I think the adoption of a nonbinding resolution asking for a close, close look in the form of a feasibility study on that move is not inappropriate, but I do think it is inappropriate to intertwine that resolution and this bill and, therefore, I oppose the bracketing motion. I think there is good reason for this legislation all across the State of Nebraska, and the Metro area is out so it doesn't affect them, but let's remember the other areas that it does affect. I would urge you to oppose the bracketing motion, to advance the bill, not advance but to pass it finally, and if you want to address the resolution on its own merit at another time, do that but not in connection with this bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, on the bracketing motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise to oppose the bracket motion also. I don't like the vote that I made yesterday on a resolution being construed as the way I should vote on this issue today. It has nothing to do with the issue and I don't like being held hostage in order to reconsider my vote on another issue. I think we should keep these two issues separate. In the case of a comment that Senator Johnson made when he said that we are sending the message that they should be keeping up the same things they are doing, I very definitely want to send that message to my community college and to the community colleges across the state. I think they are doing a service in the communities in the state, and in the case particularly of my community college, and I call it mine because it is in central Nebraska, we have part of the campus near Hastings, we need this money this year. We don't need to mess around with on Final Reading with taking a chance that this does not actually become something that they are going to have for