

the bill. If Senator Goll really believes what he said there ought to be one figure someplace to the University of Nebraska, and that is it, period. I don't think any of us really want to do that. I don't think we not only want to do it, I don't think it would be a good policy to do it with General Fund dollars. I think it is our right and our responsibility to allocate General Fund dollars for those areas at the university. And I think the Appropriations Committee has done that. Now as to exactly what the loss might be to the central administration by the loss of 245,000, I can't tell you. But I can tell you what the loss is going to be in terms of educating technical people in the field of agriculture if we don't adopt some intent language, because the Board of Regents have indicated, we've had members of the Board of Regents saying why do we need agriculture programs anyhow, agriculture is in real bad shape, we ought not even be training people in agriculture, we don't have any need for it, agriculture is going to be gone. Well that is all baloney because we're going to continue keep eating, agriculture is not going to be gone, the need for agriculture programs is not going to be gone. So I disagree with that. I think it's our responsibility to set allocations. And quite frankly if it comes in terms of whether or not we're talking about a computer program which may be important, or whether we're talking about, as Senator Marsh indicated, the upkeep of buildings in Lincoln, Nebraska, that is important as well. But keeping the opportunities for students at the program at Curtis, that serves the whole state...I'll remind you the majority of students that graduate from Curtis come from Douglas County, that a lot of them come from Lancaster County. It is not just local in terms of opportunities across this state. Also, 93 percent of those students stay in the state. So we are talking about economic development for the State of Nebraska. And no, Senator Marsh, the fact that I didn't put in new money is not inadvertent because I recognize and I don't think there are a lot of people on this floor that are willing to start putting in new monies and raising the taxes. There certainly are not enough people that want to raise the taxes just for Curtis. But if we can spread that out, and we are part of the picture, then I think it might be down the road.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Vickers, excuse me a minute, Senator Vickers. (Gavel.)