

SENATOR VICKERS: That's all right, thank you, Mr. President, but that's all right, nobody is listening anyway. I simply make these for the record.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Will you hold it down please, especially under the north balcony. Please hold it down so we can hear.

SENATOR VICKERS: The fact is we are about to do away with some programs that we're going to need down the road, we're going to need desperately down the road. And unless we set in place that intent language it is going to happen. Now I think it is rather ironic, it is rather ironic to me that we have, in the appropriations bill, intent language saying we're going to not only designate so much money to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus, but we're going to break it down, and there is even \$50,000 in here for a director of the food processing center. But yet we have not set a separate budget item for one of the campuses. We've done it for every other campus. We've got one for the Med Center, we've got one for UN-O, but I see nothing for the west campus. I guess I'll ask the Appropriations Committee why haven't you, if you think it is important enough to put intent language in for that \$50,000, in spite of the fact that Senator Goll says the Board of Regents ought to have the authority, they did it, why did they not include it for one campus. I'll tell you why. Because it doesn't have the political clout, that is why. So I guess I'm very disturbed because we created, this body voted, a couple of years ago, to create a mechanism of program review whereby we are going to try to remove from the political process the determination as to what programs are important in terms of higher education. We are going to look at the needs. We're going to look at the uses. We made that decision. Yet we are totally ignoring it. We are totally ignoring it when it comes in terms of what we are going to let be eliminated because of our budgetary decisions. Now I have as much concern about what happens in higher education as any of the rest of you do.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: I think we ought to consider that as an asset, we ought not cut it anymore. We probably ought to be adding monies to it. But all I'm saying is that if we are going to go down the road we are going down then at least