

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have any other amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend. (Vickers amendment appears on page 1617 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this is the same song, second verse for the school of technical agriculture at Curtis. There were those people that said we ought not be reallocating the funds, we ought not be taking the \$245,000 from central administration, and it's going to decimate their abilities to operate their computers and so forth. So this amendment doesn't take the \$245,000...

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...from central administration. It adds \$245,000 to the budget. I'm, along with my liberal colleague, Senator Lamb, going to add new monies to the budget. This \$245,000 will be added to the University of Nebraska's budget at Lincoln, and then the allocation handed on down through the Institute of Natural Resources, and in creating the intent language that I indicated earlier with the amendment, that \$1.2 million of General Funds would go to the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis. Now let me...I don't think I mentioned this before but this \$1,245,000 represents a 10 percent, a 10 percent reduction in the amount of General Fund dollars that the school at Curtis got last year. So it is not as though the people at Curtis, or the school at Curtis are not recognizing the severe economic distress, obviously they do. Those people, most of them, come from rural backgrounds or from small towns and they understand the situation. So the amendment would still be, as I say, a 10 percent reduction. It would still remain in operation and it does add the \$245,000 to the budget. So I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN PRESIDING

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, please on the Vickers amendment.