

SENATOR CARSTEN: The house is under call. Those in your chairs, please register your presence. If you are not there, please return. Those who are within the sound of my voice, we would ask that you come to the Chamber. We are now doing business and need your presence. We would ask that unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Again, the Chair would ask that the members please take your seats and register your presence. We need to get underway. We are wasting some valuable time. Senator Morehead, would you please register your presence, please. The Chair would remind you that when we are under call, you should be in your chairs until the call is raised. Only a reminder, that is what our rules say. Thank you. Senator Vickers, we have 40 of them here. Do you want to proceed, or do you want to wait for the rest of them?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I would move to raise the call. I just want to make sure that there are at least some people here.

SENATOR CARSTEN: If we want to keep them in their seats we better leave the call in effect. That is your privilege, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, it is up to you, Mr. President. I...

SENATOR CARSTEN: The Chair will do his best to keep them there, if you so wish.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. This is an amendment that ought to be becoming somewhat familiar to you. It is one that I attempted on General File and was unsuccessful, but barely. And it is one, that quite frankly, I think has a lot of implications to the future of the State of Nebraska. And, as the Clerk pointed out to you, it is printed on page 1691 of our Journal. What it does, very simply, is it adds \$245,000 to the General Fund budget of the State of Nebraska. It creates a line-item in the budget for the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Nebraska, the one free-standing institution at the university that doesn't have its own line-item in the budget. Now I happen to believe that in terms of what kind of a system of education we are going to need in the future that it is going to be important for us to have the system that will provide the technical training for those people who work in the field of agriculture or related fields to agriculture. In spite of the fact that we've got the economic distress that is going on right now, I believe that it