

deeply concerned and I think we should be cognizant of that fact. I am not going to take a lot of time. I just wanted to go into the record saying that I am opposed to the closing of that college. I am opposed to the potential impact that the cutback in the Extension Service Programs might have upon agriculture because to work our way out of agriculture we are going to have to have some programs in place. I am afraid that if we cut all the programs that are in place that have been helping agriculture, it seems evident to me that we are going to be in this recession or depression, however you may want to call it, for a long time and the students that are coming out of these campuses, such as at the University of Nebraska on East Campus as well as at Curtis, are those people who are going to help us work our way out of that problem and I would hate to see us cut those programs back at this particular time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I, too, would like to make some comments, basically, for the record, maybe, basically, also for some folks outside of this Chamber to listen to recognizing that there is not a lot of folks in this Chamber that their votes are going to be made up by anything that is said in here on this issue anyhow. But first I would like to thank Senator Johnson for his obvious support for the west campus of the University of Nebraska at Curtis. I, too, of course, think that is important. I, too, am very concerned about the attitude of the President of the University as far as budget cuts are concerned. At the same time I say that, let me clarify a little bit about what I think had ought to happen in the area of education, not just at the University but throughout education. I think we are at a time when we can no longer ignore the fact that we have got a severe economic situation and I don't agree with those people who think we can tax our way out of it. I don't believe we can. I think we do have to make some budget cuts and I think they are going to be painful but I want to tell those people involved in education that there is one thing, at least as one member of the Legislature, that I won't stand for and that is to ignore and forget what the purpose of education is all about. You know I am in a business that is having a cutback, I am in a business that my budget was cut considerably. It was cut a lot more than 3 percent, it was cut a lot more than 5 percent in the last few years, but I