

other members of the University that I'm going to watch very closely, and I know and I've met with some agricultural groups, we are going to watch very closely how those cuts, when they are made by the University's Board of Regents, will impact agriculture and I will remember those things, but I hope whatever we have to do here, we will do it in the best interest, not of ourselves, but of the students and citizens of our state.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins and then Senator Hall.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think you all saw my handout this morning about Kearney State College and how much their enrollment had increased while at the same time the University of Nebraska's has decreased. I can tell you quite frankly it was my full intention to vote this morning for the 2 percent instead of 3 percent for the state colleges. That's why I gave that handout on Kearney. But as I listen to the debate I came to the conclusion, if we're going to open the door that much for the state colleges whom I really think need the money, then we're doing exactly what is happening now. We're opening up the door for UN-L. Maybe that's why that was the first amendment. First, let's get the outstate senators and then we can go for the Taj Mahal, the University of Nebraska. Can you imagine me, dumb as I am, paying somebody to go out and put their hand in my purse and take all the money out of it? Well, the taxpayers are doing that. Right out there in the Rotunda are the paid lobbyists for the University of Nebraska. Who is paying them? The taxpayers. Their salaries come out of their taxes. They are paying the lobbyists to lobby us, Senator Hefner is laughing. The lobbyists are paid to get us to raise the taxpayer's taxes for the University. Now, pity the poor taxpayers. I'd like to know, what do those lobbyists out there do the rest of the year when we're not in regular session or special session? How much are they paid? Thirty, forty thousand a year? I don't know. I don't know half of what I should know about where all the money goes in that University, but I know it's a darn dirty trick to use this much needed money to pay lobbyists when they have got the greatest political scientists in the world in Ron Roskens. I think he must have a Ph.D. in it because he plays this Legislature like Fritz Chrysler used to play the violin. Put it in there first that you're going to cut agriculture and right away we'll bring in the agriculture senators. The Lincoln senators we've already got with us