

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the bee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. The next one, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senators Lamb, Rod Johnson, Morehead, Baack, Rupp, Chronister, Eret, Vickers. It is found on page 84 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is intent language which basically says treat agriculture...it is a message to the University, treat agriculture the way you do the other areas of the University. If you'd like to turn to page 84 in the Journal, 84 in the Journal, this is an amendment which several of us signed and submitted back when the bill was on General File, but we withdrew it at the request of some of the people on the Appropriations Committee in order to allow the bill to advance. Let me read just part of it. "It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of Regents not reduce the General Fund appropriation contained in LB 722 to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources proportionately more than the average of the other campuses specifically including the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis and the Cooperative Extension Service." This resolution was, or this amendment was brought about by some statements by people on the UN-L campus to the effect that agriculture is not important and specifically that Extension is not important, that the school at Curtis may be curtailed, may be eliminated. These were statements by Dr. Roskens. I'm not sure whether they were threats or what they were, but they certainly were not well appreciated by the agricultural community, that most of us still believe agriculture is important to the state and that it should not be slighted. I'm also in receipt of a letter which many of you may have, it is in your mail if you have seen it, by Dr. Schwendiman, Dean of the College of Business Administration on the UN-L campus. Now, Dr. Schwendiman