

any question, is going to be...if it is proposed to be discontinued, will automatically be a major budget issue in the '86 session. From my point of view that facility needs to be continued somewhere, if it is not the University, it can be somewhere else. I don't even have a position on it at the moment. But I do believe that you really do not want to adopt Senator Lamb's amendment as to its practical effect because it would appear to me it has a greater probability of increasing the reduction of the Institute of Agriculture proportionately rather than limiting it, which I understand is their intent, but Curtis is not an issue until July of 1986.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chronister, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, I urge you to support the intent of Senator Lamb's amendment. I guess that I would hate to think that there are people in the University that would resort to politics as a means of trying to restore some of their budget cuts. I object to the fact that they would point to a single place, like Curtis, spread the word to their people to say Curtis is going to be eliminated. It may be all well and good, as Senator Warner said, that this won't take place until next July. Nevertheless, the word went out and I don't think it was a bit aboveboard the way they did it telling these students that Curtis was going to be closed, the Extension Service was going to be seriously curtailed, very seriously. Now I believe that Curtis and the Extension Service should make their sacrifices and take their lumps along with everyone else. But for a complete elimination I think they are too valuable and vital to the State of Nebraska. I'm happy to take this as a means to send a message to whoever it is in the University that is employing these political methods to back off because it isn't appreciated. I, for one, object to it. Please support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm one of the co-sponsors of this amendment. I wasn't really going to speak to it, but I was surprised to the opposition that we had gotten to this amendment. I guess the problem we're having with the University I feel comes probably from some of the training or misunderstanding within their own