

institution. We have two people that are members of the Revenue Forecasting Advisory Board. I believe they are both professional staff from the University, they claim to be economists, Pursell and German. I believe that this Legislature does take responsibility for licensure of professional people in many areas, law, engineering, medicine and so forth. I just wonder if we're not overlooking the profession of economics. Possibly we need to look into curbing professional malpractice in that area. I think that possibly the criteria that is coming before the board is probably...and the shape that the budget is in, is partially a product of some of the criteria that is coming from the advisors. I'm not sure that we are even teaching Nebraska type economics in this institution. So I guess I'd take some objection now that the management of the University plays their little game of always putting some of the better parts of our University forward, like School of Nursing and pharmacy and now the school at Curtis, to always try to wrench their position back on the funding for the University. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, some of the things that I was going to say have been said here lately. But I have supported the University. You can see that by my voting. I do this because the economy of our future is our children, there is no doubt in my mind about that. But I am a little perturbed when the University uses the extension to put pressure upon us because they said that they were going to cut them out. I think that is dirty pool. I realize that the extension program has been a wonderful tool for the economic base in agriculture. As you all know I am working on alternate farming and we have changed the direction in the University to put more emphasis on different methods of farming. This is good, but who is going to have to do? It is the extension people that are going to have to do it. All this amendment does is just send a message to the University of Nebraska that we respect what the Extension Service is doing, we respect what the tech college is doing out at Curtis. I can assure you that the natural resource development in the State of Nebraska came from students who went to the Curtis Technical College. Many of the people that are serving on these particular organizations as staff members are graduates from the tech college at Curtis. They are key people in the State of