

program. It is not exactly a new program. The three-year course has been in the Western Nebraska General Hospital for several years and will continue, but the fourth year, as I understand it, is very important from now on and will be because three-year programs of nursing are unacceptable to governmental agencies that are supporting hospitals in the future. So it does seem fair that this should happen. Now it isn't a personal thing with me. I will live one way or the other, but when you have a place 400 miles from Lincoln that must go to get their legislation done, it is like Lincoln going to Chicago to have their legislation done, and it does make it a little difficult for people to travel that far to get things done. So the western part of Nebraska has not always been cruel or tight with the eastern part. For example, the approximately \$8 million facility that Hiram Scott had they gave to the University of Nebraska free without any problem, without any hustle, and without trying to get any money from the University of Nebraska for that facility.

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SPEAKER NICHOL: So, I don't know whether Senator Scofield intends to continue with this. I think the votes are here but I am of the opinion that perhaps we do need nursing programs and we do need them where the people are, not just in one part of the state. Senator Scofield, you may finish.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker, we have seven members excused. I think I will withdraw the amendment for now and bring it back on Select so it will give you a chance to truly search your conscience as to about what you want to do here. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Do I see any objection? If not, so ordered. What do we have next, Mr. Clerk? The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Withem. Senator Withem is excused until he arrives, however.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, let's pass over that one. Do you have anything more?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Hall.