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SENATOR CARPENTER: What was the question?

SENATOR CLARK: Is Pershing College still tied to the bill?

SENATOR CLARK: Well Pershing College is in the bill, with the understanding that if and when they accomplish what they might have in mind, they'll have to do the same as Hiram Scott and give it to the state free and clear of all encumbrances.

SENATOR CLARK: Are you going to attempt to move it?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Not under, unless somebody else wants it to be done, I think that is a fair position to put them in, it's the same identical position, the only difference is they could of course be involved in other things from the stand point of education beyond which there is some complaint in, but I don't think that is a material objection, as I said I think I'm right where the man who finances Hiram, Pershing is in the throes of a conflict with the federal government on his income tax, and I have had reason to believe that it will take a couple or three years in order to get that solved, when he gets that solved I presume he's also got other tax problems what can he do in the area of clearing up the indebtedness and get a tax credit for it on the federal level, and I see no harm in letting this bill, Pershing be in here under the provision, that if and when they do it, until this legislature changes it's mind which it has a right to do, they have to give it to like Hiram Scott free and clear of all encumbrances, I think that's a reasonable request. Now Senator Carstens doesn't like that, but again it's one of those things I think is a reasonably good compromise until this body changes it's mind, we put it on the same basis as Hiram Scott and I would hope the people would accept that, and let them be there together and not try to separate them, on the other hand I don't want to loose the bill if I have any chance by having it in there, but I think I have to be realistic too, Senator Carstens went along with this thing and we worked this thing out jointly, it's one of those things it gets to a point where you have to give and take, and I hope that Senator Carstens would accept this, and the body would too, that they both be given as a gift, without any restrictions, without any indebtedness, except the restrictions as to what they can teach in the case of Hiram Scott.

SENATOR CLARK; Thank you, now what I wanted to say was I have a lot of good friends in Scotts Bluff even though I don't represent Scotts Bluff itself. I do represent the communities around Scotts Bluff, I know how much effort has been put into Hiram Scott College, by the local money in Scotts Bluff, how many people have actually lost money in that school, how much money they have raised since that time to really give this to the University free and clear, even when they were selling the books out, when they were selling all removable things that they could get out of the school to satisfy the creditors on it. They raised seventy thousand dollars and bought everything they could in that school to keep it in tact, as much as they could, all the dishwashers and the kitchen equipment and the ranges and that type of thing, and they bought until their money ran out, and that was seventy thousand dollars worth, and I think it's commendable they would do such a thing, I think it's a bill we should pass. Thank you.

SPEAKER: There is a motion to recess, but if you are already to vote, the Chair would say take a vote, but if Senator Carpenter wishes to close and take a considerable time, why I think we had better recess now. Take a vote. Those in favor of the limitations motion, vote aye, those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: This is the adoption of this amendment to section 3. Strike the original section 3 and insert this new section.