

Resources and Rural Development?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now...

SENATOR KELLY: Is that civil engineering or is it agriculture?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No.

SENATOR KELLY: Planning?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Rural development, do you have any problem with rural development?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, I don't know what rural development is.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, rural development would be the development of rural areas either through industrialization or through development of agricultural related businesses.

SENATOR KELLY: And what degree would they grant? A Bachelor of Natural Resources and Rural Development?

SENATOR GOODRICH: You'd have to ask the University that one.

SENATOR KELLY: I want to ask you, Senator.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Bachelor of Science and whatever they call the specialization that the student took. This was the name of the school or the category of the college, is not a specific reference to a degree. You can take, for example, a school of natural resources and rural development and probably have any number of degrees within that school.

SENATOR KELLY: Then, Senator Goodrich, what is Rural Health and related subjects?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, Rural Health and related subjects would be virtually what is needed about the worst of anything in the State of Nebraska when we consider the fact that the distribution--are you going to, did you want the answer?

SENATOR KELLY: I apologize to you for not listening.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, Rural Health and related subjects. For example, there's a mal-distribution of health care personnel in the State of Nebraska. What we're trying ultimately to do is to get what we called allied health fields, such as radiology technicians, lab techs, X-ray techs, any number of just nurses, med techs, anything you want to talk about that are what we call health related fields, or allied health professions. The distribution of these throughout Nebraska is horrible. We're trying to foster in some way the training of additional allied health personnel throughout the State of Nebraska so that the west part of the State, the north, the south, all over the State as opposed to just in Omaha and Lincoln, has adequate health care personnel. Now you're going to hear a lot more about this one next session because the Health Committee itself is going into a study of allied health care professions and what we need to be sure that the entire State of Nebraska has adequate health care personnel and that's what we're driving at right there.

SENATOR KELLY: What degree would this college confer?

SENATOR GOODRICH: There again you could have any number of degrees. It could have, for example, nursing, it could have lab techs, med techs, X-ray techs, radiologists, whatever there was a sufficient demand to create a class for wherever we created it.

SENATOR KELLY: Now if they're going to offer a nursing degree, why would we have a nursing college?