

part that I had a problem with is that they mention that it is...well, I will quote it. "We offer no argument that we find it unfortunate that the university is cast in an unfavorable light in the process." Well, the point is, why should we be the only ones to take the heat if Curtis does close? The university, call it what you want, but if we are anti-agriculture, they should be too. If we are antirural Nebraska, they should be too because it was their decision that prompted the closing of Curtis. We cut the budget. It was their choice. They should share in the blame and today and actually they are the reason why we are at this venture right now, and I find major fault with this is the same paper that last week printed a big article about how terrible the Legislature was, I guess, opinion, how terrible the Legislature was and how all these people went to the graduation in Curtis and left with a reason to vote against the senators pay raise because we were the ones that were anti-Curtis and antirural Nebraska. Now if they are going to print that stuff, the university should at least be big enough to take some of the heat that we have to take. That being said, as much as it frustrates me, I mean, Senator Warner understands this a lot better than I do. I mean out of \$190 million budget, why you can't make the adjustments to take care of Curtis. I mean, if the bill gets the votes, if the bill passes, I will be the one to give them the E clause only because if that is the will of the body, you should at least do it clean and straight up. But I will be voting no on the bill for all the reasons I have stated before. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Korshoj, I would like to announce that Senator Labeledz has some guests in the north balcony, 90 eighth graders from St. Pius X and St. Leo in Omaha, and also a very special guest, her niece, Lori Simpson, is in the group. Lori, would you stand up and take a bow. Lori Simpson, where are you? There she is. Thank you, Lori, and thank you, students, and your teachers for visiting with us today. We are glad to have you. Senator Korshoj. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of closing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Back to Senator Elmer for