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Fair Board, to engage them in a very real way to say you're partners by making them part of the board, and they want to be there, rather than saying, well, you can come along with the mayor of the city of Lincoln and the director of Economic Development and six or seven other people and partici...sit in on the meetings if you want to. I think it would bring them on at a whole different level if you gave them the confidence of being on the board itself. So I hope you will reject the Wickersham amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to try to be brief. I think we've laid out this rather simple issue for you and I hope that we can simply agree that if these persons are to be added they'll be added on an ex-officio basis. I don't discount what Senator Beutler says about the Chairperson of the Nebraska Arts Council, but if you happen to catch what he was talking about with regard to the University of Nebraska, he was talking about somebody that would be Chair of their foundation, not the chancellor of the University of Nebraska, and the foundation operates independently of the chancellor. Sometimes I think the chancellor wishes that wasn't the case, but that is the case. So, Senator Beutler, I'm a little bit uncertain whether you want the president of the foundation or the chancellor to serve that has all of these contacts. I just don't think you're going to get what you want or what you're describing by adding these persons as full board members. You can't make somebody do something they don't want to do or don't have an interest in doing, and whether or not the current Chairperson of the Nebraska Arts Council has that interest, and I'm not going to suggest that they don't, they may have, they're not going to be there forever and then you're going to be taking your chances. There's no reason saddling somebody with an obligation when you don't have any indication in the long term they're really going to want it. On the other hand, if they want to make a contribution and can come, as an ex-officio member they will.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question