

object to the committee amendments, and I would object to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to arise to object in the same fashion as Senator Cullan, not only to the amendment offered by Senator Newell, but to the committee amendments offered by Senator Maresh, and to the bill itself. I will be at the conclusion of the controversy at hand offering a kill motion on this bill. The amendments of Senator Newell limit the question and the policy issues at hand to simply the issue of the state colleges, and the bill has been winnowed down from its initial status by jettisoning those aspects that may draw negative flack to the bill. Well, the University may cause us some no votes, so let's drop them. Well, the tech colleges may cause us some no votes so let's drop them. Let's get it down to solve the problem that we want, and muscle the four community college faculties into one bargaining unit. What is being done by this motion and by the bill itself is to overrule the court case. The decision was rendered by the Court of Industrial Relations in the case of State Colleges Education Association versus The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges. You see there has been a decision on this question, which is giving rise to the bill. The Court of Industrial Relations looks to the four state colleges, and tried to determine what was the community of interests, and whether or not those four colleges should be treated as one. The Court examined in about a five-day hearing, and with the edification of scores of witnesses, and a set of written testimony that was approximately two and a half feet high, the question of what was the community of interests, and the Court found that Chadron was a peculiar situation. There was no staff exchange with other state colleges. Programs offered at one college were not necessarily offered at another. Faculties did not ever meet and discuss mutually by departments. There was no potential for which whipsaw bargaining between the colleges... and that Chadron had a unique situation, they wanted to be considered as their own bargaining unit. They were physically distant from the other colleges. They felt they couldn't meet and get together as a bargaining unit with those other colleges, and they wanted to exist as a separate