

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have been here a dozen years and going on thirteen and sat through many different kinds of processes whereby we enter into agreements and build various capital construction programs. I sat through the process whereby we built the Dental College and College of Law. I saw these many, many structures that have been constructed on the various campuses, both in this city and in Omaha. This is the first time, as Senator Kahle has pointed out, that any industry has ever voluntarily stepped forward and has made a contribution. I will say this, we were lobbied heavily and we were lobbied hard for the College of Dentistry. We were lobbied heavily for the ETV building. We were lobbied heavily for the new College of Law building but at no time, not one single dime was contributed by those members of that profession and no one ever asked whether we had a surplus, and God knows we have got lawyers falling out of the cracks all around the place, and I don't know whether or not you can say that we need to have more law students, or more teachers, or any other thing like that. I will say this that I have read and reread the bill. I can see what Senator Beutler is trying to do and I was just about reached the point where I would say, nuts, to all of the various ifs, ands, and maybes and build a blasted school and fund it as we have done with every other single institution we have built here in the State of Nebraska. We didn't say we will do it if the private industry gives us two million bucks. We didn't say we will do it if the lawyers come through with two million bucks, or the judges, or the dentists, or the doctors, or the teachers, or anyone else. We didn't say we will do it if the federal government come through with any money. We said we are going to build the thing and be done with it and the devil take the hindmost. I remember when we built the Devaney Sports Center for fifteen million dollars and you tell me, ladies and gentlemen, what is the most important? We spent...we had eight resolutions here this morning praising, seven of which praised some echelon of sports and that is fine with me. We had one which had to do with the livestock industry which is your bread and butter. It is the basic economic strength of the State of Nebraska. Now I am going to say only once that for my part, for my part, I am willing to build this school and pay for it with a hundred percent state money and do away with all the charade, all the facades, all the nonsense, all the nit picking, and we will know where we stand, and if we can get the money, fine, if we can't, let the thing go down. Let it go down but I do not want to go through the various manipulations, the various nit pickings, the various challenges that can be thrown into place in the path of the construction by the A bill which causes me some concern. I have watched government delay, hinder,