

but I think with the recent Supreme Court decisions on what we can or can't tell the Board of Regents to do, you might have a bit of a problem there. But I repeat my original suggestion. We move the bill over to Select File. Senator Schmit, Senator Vickers and Beutler and Kahle and the agricultural community and the University community sit down around that table and see if we can't reach a common solution that will resolve and settle this issue this year, and it may be something different, something that has not yet been proposed but is a combination of the various ideas. It may recognize, for example, that the thought of federal funds are a pipe dream. They may or may not be but we may get information that indicates that. It may be that we decide to use some existing facilities and really have the best diagnostic and research center, but at least at this time, I believe it is premature to put this amendment on because all it does is kind of buy time and duck the issue. So I urge you to reject the amendment and advance the bill to Select File and the people get together.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, first of all I would like to call your attention to the wording of the Vickers' amendment. I believe it may be, Senator Vickers, improperly drawn since we have adopted the committee amendments and so even though we might, this body may just choose to adopt that amendment, it would be incorrectly done. I think you would have to redraw it or redo your amendment. I want to point out that in the past cooperative agreements such as are described here, by Senator Vickers, have not been enthusiastically proposed by adjoining schools. The only time we ever hear any conversation, in fact, along that line comes when Nebraska talks about building their own school, and then because of the fact that adjoining schools like the revenue that they receive from the State of Nebraska, they speak in terms of some sort of cooperative agreement. I think there is very real doubt about the practicality of those agreements ever being worked out. I think, and I recognize again the competition for funds that have always existed when we get right down to the wire in an attempt to provide funding for the diagnostic lab or when we try to provide funds for the North Platte station. I well recall when Dr. Hibbs came to see me a number of times prior to his leaving the State of Nebraska to ask for additional funds, not a large amount of money, \$50,000, \$60,000, to be utilized at the North Platte station. In most cases we did not get the funds that they needed to do that research out there even though the amounts of money by other standards were insignificant. So Dr. Hibbs left the state. A fine person was