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with saying so in the bill. One final point. I think it is rather strange that a legislature that puts a lid on local government that does not trust local school boards, does not trust any of the other political subdivisions of this state, as far as their budgets are concerned, suddenly trust the Board of Regents to do anything they want to with 1.3 million dollars. We trust them because they say they are not going to. Well if that is the way we want to operate then we should revise the way we operate with many, many other political subdivisions. I know members of this body that don't trust NRD's. I know members of this body that don't trust technical colleges. They are all operated by elected officials. What is so magical about the Board of Regents? I do not understand that. I urge the body's adoption of this amendment. I think that it will be a big help in the end to 245 and 245A.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have to again rise to oppose the Vickers amendment for the same reason that I gave in the opposition to Senator Hoagland's amendment. I think that it is extremely unfortunate that we wasted a long period of time debating Senator Hoagland's amendment and then he withdrew the blooming thing without a vote, so we have no idea what the feeling of the body is. I don't think Senator Vickers will do that. I think it is just as well that we vote on these issues and as I have said before, we have discussed this issue at length, back and forth, up and down. We have talked to people inside and outside the body. I don't think there is a person on the this floor who has not made up their mind how they are going to vote. I think the issue is clear. I believe the lines are drawn. I think those of us who support the concept will not change, those who oppose it will not change. I believe we should take a vote. I think Senator Vickers refers to how we don't trust local government. I think that same lack of trust is probably reciprocated towards this body. Any indication that this body would come along a year from now or two years from now and graciously take some of the requirements away would be a presumption that could not be based upon fact. We need to do in this instance as we have done many other times, appropriate the money and let it ride. I just want to say one other thing. I wish that all of the other hundreds of millions of dollars that have been appropriated and will be expended by the State of Nebraska and the various institutions were placed under the