

I have, since this bill came up for General File discussion, looked into the matter more fully. Wesleyan University is in my district and I checked with them. Of course they would probably like the opportunity to use these sort of bonds, nevertheless, over the years they have had a very extensive building program at that university where they have solicited donations, private support for the construction program that they have initiated and they have been able to, through private contributions, I think build up a very, very fine campus with many new buildings, multimillion dollars worth of expansion and construction there all through private contributions and that is what private colleges are all about. So I guess this bill has got ramifications that are very important and I think Senator Beutler is right to raise some issues. I think perhaps in time there may be some good served by the bill and so I don't think we ought to kill it. Nevertheless, holding for a year is probably a wise thing to do and in that time we can probably learn more about the situation and correct some of the problems that Senator Beutler has identified and then pass a piece of legislation that we are sure will serve the state.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, Senators, I know this is a losing proposition. I don't know how many times I have stood or sat in this body and listened to the Constitution this, the Constitution that. So many of these young lawyers, I sometimes wonder if they are speaking as attorneys or Supreme Court Justices. In my opinion, Senators, in my opinion, gentlemen, you know, I just wonder why we have got so many people in this Legislature that haven't been appointed to the United States Supreme Court. Anytime you want to defeat a bill go talk to Paul Douglas and say, "See what you can find." Now it looks to me like this bill is going to get held or killed and eventually you are going to close the private colleges because you aren't going to give them a chance to raise money this way, so eventually the good old University of Nebraska at Lincoln and at Omaha and our state supported schools will be educating these children and the taxpayers can pay more money to educate them. I see it as a grand design to close private schools. I see it as a grand design on the part of education to have an excuse for more tax dollars to raise the budget. If you want to vote to kill the bill, bracket the bill, hold it over for another year, go ahead. You've got all these Supreme Court Justices sitting here this morning telling you that it is constitutionally wrong and when the private schools close, who have been doing better on their own than our own universities have been doing with tax dollars when it comes to the cost of educating youngsters, then we will have nobody but ourselves to blame for again raising real estate taxes. Remember the little