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PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...in Omaha, but they each function as a single college...as single colleges across both sites.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 275 and LR 277. Senator Weihing, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Crosby, I just don't think that the research of the Medical Center would be impaired under the structure that's being suggested. I want to point out with regards to some of the history and some of the history has been mentioned, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the medical unit has been a part of the administration of the University of Nebraska for many, many, many, many years. That which brings about research today, that which has brought about some of the great recognition that has occurred and has been brought to the University of Nebraska Medical Center has been by the attraction of faculty that were there. The University, that is the Medical Center was once the college, and as it continued...as the University continued to develop and we had the three present, that is the presidents develop, or chancellors, it wasn't until after the Medical Center had developed the chancellorship having some want more autonomy and the faculty beginning to attract and certain individuals attract research dollars, significant grants that the institution began to become a nationwide known medical center. You will have people tell you that 20 years ago it was not recognized at the level it is today. That institution or, that is, the medical area developed because of the faculty that was attracted by the head, by the chancellor, and the creation of certain centers of research that have become renowned and it has continued to attract. Now I want to go over to another side. In recent years, under the leadership of Dr. Andrews, the Chancellor of the Medical Center, that institution has reached out to many areas of the state and the presence of the University of Nebraska Medical Center has come to be in the very western part with a program with Chadron State College, the program of nursing at Scottsbluff. The purpose is to draw upon students to come to that center and develop into the areas of the practicing physician or specialties, on occasion, that