

and one pro, I have been authorized to offer a co...a special co-chairman of the rural caucus that we'll offer at a later time if that develops. So you do have a home, Jerry, somewhere.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Yes, Senator Hall, it does have to do with money, most definitely it has to do with money, always it has to do with money. When UN-L and UNMC are reported as two different institutional efforts, then the health science figures in total, UN-L figures do not reflect those dollars when they ask for grants from things like...from places like Carnegie Foundation Research and so on, because they are separate. And the University of Nebraska at Lincoln is doing tremendous research but the UNMC in Omaha does all the health re...so much of the health research and runs the hospital and so on where, of course, the research is done. So, yes, it does have to do with dollars. The other point I want to make is that there is already a Board of Governors at the University of Nebraska Medical College and they have to do with...they are delegated the responsibility for planning, oversight and decision-making relative to the operation of the hospital and that's where so much of the research is done. So there is a separate board right now and I am not saying anything about the way Chancellor Andrews runs the Medical College. They are tremendous. It's a wonderful college. It's a wonderful hospital. I've had some experience with that hospital when I lived in Omaha. So I know what they do and I have some friends and relatives who have been on that Board of Governors and who have operated at the University of Nebraska Medical College and at that hospital so I'm not coming from outside somewhere and don't know what I'm talking about. I do know what I'm talking about. And I still say, Senator Weihing, with all due respect that the research is the word, you aren't going to have any of those classes out in God's country if you don't have some research to back it up because that's where the classes come from. So I still firmly believe that the Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln should be a pair. And, again, I reiterate that the voters need to know what we're talking about and this discussion today, you probably don't realize how many people pay attention to what goes on down here. I never did subscribe to Terry Carpenter's theory that most people didn't know what the Legislature was doing, nor did they care. I think most people do care and they do pay attention and especially in this day and age of telecommunications when