

amendment, it will contain language which through the committee amendments as well as some other amendments that will be offered that clearly separates some of the distinction that research funds needs to have. One of the proposals which we'll authorize in the legislation will be the fact that we can, as we do now, make research fund appropriations, targeted research funds appropriations to the Board of Regents, under the new Board of Regents to be distributed then to appropriate institution; also envisions the use in the future of incentive funds which has not been used particularly in Nebraska to this point but it is an approach which has received national attention in some areas and I think will be an area that we will see probably us following, too. So the issue is at least addressed. Now whether or not someone can say, well, it is only statute, and you can change it, true, but, nevertheless, the issue is addressed in order to at least attempt to maintain that distinction of research funds. I've always...I couldn't agree more that to do a lot of research distribution through a legislative process is not wise, and it is not wise because in the area of research, when you approve funds for research, you can frequently find political criticism following up very quickly. And the reason, of course, is that in research what you find will not work is just as important as finding out what will work as you are reaching for a solution. And I can think back over the years, over many years, when research done by the university was criticized by some because the results were not immediate, and my favorite story is I can remember my father telling me walking into Kiesselbach's office at the East Campus in the twenties, and there was some little scraggly plants there, and Dad said, what in the world are those scraggly looking things you are growing there? And he said that will be hybrid corn that everybody will be growing 30, 20 years from now, or 10 years from now. Well, it was about 20, 25. So research is exceedingly important. It should be isolated from a lot of political influence because it occurs over a long period of time for its benefits, but we have a good record in maintaining that, and the legislation as it will be proposed will continue that concept as a part of the implementing legislation which may not address it specifically to everyone's desire but at least we acknowledge that that type of funding needs to be channeled through a vehicle other than a pure political process as could be here. And, finally, I want to say that much of the criticism that is directed...

PRESIDENT: One minute.