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that research. The medical research continues to be important and it's so important to rural Nebraska. We talk about that a lot here on this floor that we are...it's very important for rural Nebraska to have the benefit of good medical care. Well, if we don't have the research and if we don't attract the people here in Omaha to the medical college to do that research and to go into all of the health related professions, they are so many these days. It used to be the country doctor was the central figure in medical care. That day is gone and it...our medical technology is such that we simply can't rely on that old image of the doctor with the little bag coming to the house. He or she doesn't do it anymore. So the research in medical college is extremely important and it is essential that it be combined with the research done at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. So I urge your support of this amendment to help make what I feel is not a great bill but for me it would make it a lot better. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Crosby. And the Chair is pleased to introduce your special guests under the south balcony, Dick and Helen Erd from Palo Alto, California. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed. Also, the Chair is pleased to note that Senator Schmit has a very special guest under the south balcony. We have with us this morning Senator Leo Corbet, the President pro tem of the Arizona State Senate in Phoenix. Senator Corbet, take a bow. Thank you, sir. We're pleased to have you with us. Discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Crosby. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I'm not going to speak very long on this. This is a very similar amendment to two different amendments, I guess, put together in this amendment that were considered on LR 239 and rejected fairly, fairly handily. The lump sum appropriation to the Board of Regents, we argued that that is not good policy. We not only argued it on 239, we argued it on the budget when we had a case study example of how end runs do, in fact, take place under any sort of system. So I would not support that portion of the amendment. The portion of the amendment combining UN-L and the Med Center, again, I just don't think it's a good idea. I don't think it's something we ought to be doing. We considered this idea when Senator McFarland brought it to us on LR 239, writing that into the Constitution. I don't think in this case it's any better idea to write it into the statute book that those institutions have functioned as separate institutions with separate presidents, or excuse me,