

cooperation and coordination between institutions. I say it simply is not happening now. And I look upon this whole issue as an attempt to bring about some effective coordination and cooperation between the various institutions within a structure that can effectively do it. And I would...I would hope, as we discuss these issues that it is clear in our minds as to what we have now and what is proposed because so many things not heard in opposition to the proposal are opposing things that there is no change, supposing things which exist now as in some respects this here is another example where currently those institutions are under the Med Center, that was earlier mentioned, the dental college and nursing. So I would urge you to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, in reply to Senator McFarland, I would have to say to you, Senator McFarland, that does the law school offer continuing education after you are an attorney, say, for five years? The medical school does if you want to be a pathologist. Does the law school offer five years of training for ear, nose and throat, surgery? Do they go and take this further step to thoroughly train people in specialties? And the answer is no. The answer is no. There has to be a complete distinction between medicine, nurses, dentists and the medical field from the regular, average college education and, again, I ask this body to oppose the amendments that are being offered. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I just want to make two more points about the combination of these two institutions. Having UNMC and UN-L under one president would make it far more likely that cooperation would ensue in some very critical areas. The importance of biotechnology research on both campuses and the Governor's research initiative is a clear example for the needs of such cooperation, as is the planning for the Nebraska Center for Advanced Technology. The relationships between food sciences, for instance, and human nutrition also span the two campuses, could be brought together much more effectively under one single chief executive. Other examples of needed cooperation are bioengineering, bioethics,