

to the institution itself. As far as the primary service responsibilities and the areas of the state which are consistent with that primary service responsibility, there is nothing in the statutes right now that this language tracks. I don't see anything of value that these words will add to this piece of legislation. And I know that constitutions are to be drafted in general terms, but "general" does not mean ambiguous, it does not mean vague, it does not mean confusing, and that's what this is, this language, so I'm hoping that you will vote to remove it from the bill. I'll ask Senator Withem this question. Senator Withem, should this language be removed, how does it weaken the bill or carry it from what it's purpose is?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: By removing the language from the bill, again, I could say that on my own time...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: ..if you like. I have my light punched. I'm going to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, good then. Members of the Legislature, I assert that, based on the thrust of this constitutional amendment as proposed, removing this language will in no way take it away from what the supporters say they're attempting to accomplish so I hope you will vote to remove this language.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Chambers has had a knack both times of asking me to respond to the very question that I was planning on speaking on. His question to me was, how does this weaken the bill if this language is removed? It weakens the bill or the constitutional amendment in the following fashion. If you, as a Legislature, were to think that it was good public policy to place a restriction on the appointment of these boards of trustees that a certain number of them live in the service area, certain number of the people that are on the Med Center Board of Trustees, in fact, be conversant in the training of doctors, that you would think it might be a good idea to place a restriction that the Trustees of the Board of University of Nebraska at Lincoln not all come from Lincoln but have a