

of its inflammatory babbling. It's been less than a week since I introduced LB 9 in the current special session to reduce state funds. My intent in doing so was not your suggestion to embarrass Governor Nelson, a McCook native. Certainly, I saw no relevant connection between the geography of the Governor's birth and a county that only adjoins Frontier and this year's 1.5 million of expenditures on NCTA. Instead, I believe the budget problems swooping into our state's economy dramatically highlights the expenditures, apparent contriving of admonitions made by the Legislature's own higher education report. Almost two years ago LB 247...

SENATOR WARNER: Time. Senator Elmer on the committee amendment.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. This issue, of course, has been with us ever since I have been an elected member of this body and it does need to be addressed. Currently, Curtis and the NCTA resides in the new 44th District which is for the next two years to be represented by Senator Haberman. But, having been involved in this issue, it seemed to evolve on me to try to do some things to help the people at NCTA. And, needless to say, when the bill was introduced it created a considerable furor among the constituents of that particular institution. After the Education Committee made its recommendation through its committee amendments, I called the administration of the school and explained what had transpired. And they wrote me a letter in return voicing this opinion after, of course, assuming that the committee amendments are adopted. And I quote from the letter from Mr. Bill Siminoe at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. "Today your call giving us the actions of the Education Committee was very much appreciated. After we talked, I talked to Dean Edwards, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, I.A. & R. Assistant Chancellor Allen Moore, and to a good number of the NCTA Advisory Committee members who are here on campus today for the annual meeting." The letter is dated September 25th. "It was the consensus of all that a neutral position on LB 29, with committee amendments attached, was best because it allows the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission to take action accepting the fact that it does move up the timetable. We, of course, are concerned that the study be complete and look at all of the issues and consider whether other postsecondary colleges fit as well as NCTA. However, these concerns, however, would be no