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proper manner somewhere, and I don't think that we should forget that Nebraska, at one time or another, has been the largest cattle feeding state in the nation. We bounce back and forth between Texas, and it is very important to the economy of our state, and I would hope the taxpaying public of this state would support those educational institutions that are important to our livestock industry.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: I apologize. As Senator Bohlke says, let's get on with it and we probably should, but something that Senator Schrock said I think needs to be said by somebody from the eastern part of the state, from Omaha, and I agree 100 percent with what he said. If we have technical community colleges that are educating young people to become nurses' aides because the hospital industry needs more or mechanics because plants need them, we certainly ought also within our system of higher education to be offering programs in vet tech medicine and feedlot management, if the need is there within our state. But I think the whole debate about Curtis has kind of focused on Curtis itself. The educational opportunities that are offered there do, in fact, need to be offered. I think the question has been whether Curtis is the best possible place for that to be given, and I appreciate him saying that, and I hope most other people that have not been viewed as strong supporters of Curtis would agree, programmatically, those are programs that we probably need to find someplace within our higher education system. So I appreciate you making that point and I wanted to just indicate I agree with it.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Withem. There are no other lights on so we will proceed with the vote and a machine vote has been requested on to advancing to E & R, vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 29.

SENATOR CONWAY: LB 29 advances. Mr. Clerk, we will be returning to LB 3.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 3 was advanced to E & R for engrossment a little earlier this afternoon. I now have a