

they thinking of? Are they, in fact, perhaps looking at a separate college or a separate university or whatever they might want to call it in Nebraska? And maybe that's an issue that we should look at and I know some are going to raise that issue. Perhaps if they want a local university, so to speak, that is more instantaneous in its response to their needs that they see in the community, perhaps that should happen. Agriculture Committee tried to get a Veterinary College several years ago in Nebraska. It never did happen and perhaps, in hindsight, it was the best, considering the crunch that we went on for funds. But the point is Agriculture dearly wanted that for it's (interruption)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..crosses...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd rise to oppose the amendment, but my basis has nothing to do with the purpose. My opposition lies in one in support of process that this Legislature placed on the ballot, the people in Nebraska voted yes, and that was to have a process where the orderly development of higher educational opportunities could be done, to the extent possible at least, outside of the...of a political atmosphere and rather from an educational viewpoint. I'm not critical of having the...offering the amendment for purposes of discussion and I look back over the years, I certainly have done that myself in a variety of times, perhaps even more significant than this particular proposal, which is one of the reasons that I very strongly supported the Coordinating Commission because I knew what could be done, in part, because I had participated in doing those things when educational opportunities ought to be considered a much orderly process. From my viewpoint, I think the Appropriations Committee has a recommended expansion of funding for engineering at UNO, I believe, beyond what was in the Governor's budget. I believe they have offered the funding fully...an amount fully equal to the request that was proposed by the Board of Regents and I think that's going to be a very orderly process and one that should be followed. There's some language in the amendment that I recognize at the bottom because I was involved in looking at that type of language in the event that any proposal like this or some other came up because I did not want to get started