

of my time to Senator Kristensen. My thoughts are that although I respect the need and the momentum that the Omaha area has in wanting a college, this is not the appropriate forum, I don't believe. I do believe it's an educational decision and not a political one, should not be a political one. Putting it in this arena changes it, in my opinion, entirely to a political decision. There were months, if not years, that went into studying this decision and when you see the chronology of what's been done in the last couple of years, it has gone through a process. There have been a couple of different task forces, a couple of different reports. President Smith has made some recommendations which are reasonable and which would have an impact, I believe, on what the needs are in the Omaha area and I mean a college down there would probably help my area, my district, but the point is I think that the place for that decision is not here, not now. A hundred thousand won't hire much of a dean, quite frankly. This is just not a feasible suggestion. It isn't going to help solve the problem. We need to encourage the university to continue on the course they're on to solve the problem and offer additional courses and quality courses and I think that's the best use of our money. I will, with those few remarks, encourage the body to defeat the amendment and yield the rest of my time to Senator Kristensen.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** A little more than three minutes, Senator Kristensen.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Bromm. I look with great interest in the two Titans fighting this morning, Omaha and Lincoln, battling out the engineering issue. But one point that I think gets left out is whose back is this being taken out of and whose hide is this money coming from and I'll tell you it's coming from UNK faculty spots and so it real interesting to sit and watch who is going to gain the business in the state and who is going to maintain their dominance in the meantime. The place that's going to get some of the faculty spots is going to be the one that we're going to take the money out of and it's a shift. We're not going to spend any more money so we can look at everybody and say, I'm sorry, we're not going to increase the budget, we're just going to shift our priorities and those priorities come off the back of additional faculty spots from UNK. And, you know, it's real interesting, this morning I spoke to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and I had my letter of 100 signatures from Kearney to move the ag school out to Kearney for