

dollars, who will work to see that the goals are achieved. There needs to be somebody there on that campus spearheading it. That's exactly what we do with this amendment. Senator Bromm, one other thing, just as a side note, all educational decisions are political decisions. Actually, there's two bodies we could learn from, those being educational politics and church politics and they could teach us all something. The fact of the matter is that the institution of higher education does suffer, Senator Kristensen, if we don't adopt this amendment, I believe, because what it will do is it will fester the kind of frustration people are talking about here on the floor today. It will continue to fester. Don't vote for this amendment because of a silly letter that 100 people signed. Don't vote against it because of a silly letter that 100 people signed. That is not new practice for those folks, I mean, come on, this time they just didn't use the chamber of commerce as a shield by which to hide behind. Extortion is something new on this floor by business people? Come on. I would hope that you would seriously consider this amendment. It is, I think, the kind of thing that can heal those types of wounds. It's not something that the Omaha business community wants. They would not be happy until you appropriate the dollars necessary...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...to put a full blown engineering college in place. That is not going to happen, that should not happen. We should follow the kind of planning and the program that is being laid out. All this does is serve as a bit of a catalyst. It does provide for the leadership that I believe is necessary on that campus to make sure that that plan is put in place. With that, I would hope that you would support this amendment, Mr. President, and I would ask for a roll call vote on the measure.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. The question before the body now then is...all members not excused are present. We will take a roll call vote, Mr. Clerk. In reverse order.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 2105-06 of the Legislative Journal.) 7 ayes, 30 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not agreed to. We will pass over the remainder of LB 392 at this point and move on to