

Ashford, higher education folks trying to catch us on the way out. The body was in a spending mood yesterday; let's add some more to it. Now back ten years ago when I started working at the Legislature, I was making about 8,000 dollars a year and going to school full time and on a rare occasion when I didn't have quite enough money to make it to the next pay day I would write more than...more checks than I had money for. I'd gamble on which one would make it back to the bank first. Well, that wasn't very wise and it probably is not very settling when the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee admits to doing that, but, yes, I did it. I've grown up since then. I mean this body, you know, could take a lesson from that, is you can't do that. Maybe some people's approach to budgeting is you throw a bunch against the wall and what sticks after the Governor's all said and done you live with. I don't think that's the right way to do it. You make priorities. If you want to fund these things, you need to make the cuts someplace else. Don't just pass it over to the Governor because the things at risk are the things in the bill. Those are the things that are at risk. It's a simple as that. Now as far as Kearney, you know, it's...Senator Kristensen mentioned that they're a campus without any representation. Well, I don't know about you but the 3 million dollar request the Board of Regents made before the Legislature, I would call that representation. They asked for it. The Board of Regents looked after them. They asked for it. They didn't leave them out in the cold. They did request it. You know, one of the problems in Kearney is that a couple years ago, you know, '89 was the year that the budget in this state was increased dramatically and Kearney spent all their efforts and all their gunpowder getting their name changed when everybody else was getting money, and at the same time, for whatever reason I do not know, everybody thought when the name would change the money would come and now it's not and many people are getting nervous about that. I understand that. Now Senator Kristensen mentioned about tuition. Yes, we raised tuition at Kearney. You know, I happen to think that if Kearney's in the university system their tuition should be different than the state college system. It's as simple as that. I said that two years ago. And did we raise it up to UNL's rate? No. Did we raise it up to UNO's rate? No. We just raised it up above state college rates. And, Senator Kristensen, as you well know, look on page 32 of the budget book, with the one I still have around here, page 32 of the budget book. Look at...not page 32, excuse me. Looks like here I'm losing the page now. When you look at Kearney, we've done a