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no one ever gets caught up. So whether or not you support this proposal don't think it is going to be the end of the line and don't think that once you get the thing built that the expense is going to stop and don't think that once that Kearney gets their structure that the other parts of the system are not going to be equally adamant about theirs because you never get the thing quite equal. I would suggest you take a long look before you add this major expense to the budget bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Unicameral Legislature, \$25,000 is not a major expense and that is what we are talking about in Section 27. I support the Kearney State College proposal to improve their library and I would repeat for all of the members of this Legislature to hear what I thought was a real funny statement regarding a library. One of our colleagues stated that he heard that this morning there was a fire in the Kearney State College Library and that both books burned up and neither one of them had been colored in yet and I repeat that on the basis that within certain really truly fact, the library at Kearney State College is a little bit of a joke and it is way behind in getting caught up. It has been their number one priority for a long time and I recognize the game playing that we are doing and I recognize what we do annually with the capital construction budget but if a college does not have a library you do not have a college. It is more important, Senator Schmit, than those many many hours where the students do spend their time. They will not be students if there is not a library for them to get the reference books from. A college is a library and the library at Kearney State College is now and has been for many years, totally inadequate and at this time to play games with \$25,000 worth of planning money, I hope that is just as funny as the joke on the library. Defeat this striking Section 27. The students at Kearney State College, the sixty-five hundred of them, need this library.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR KOCH: I would like to move the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for? Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.