

Langford, followed by Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to oppose the Scofield amendment. First, let me explain a little bit about this study business. Just last year a very expensive study was done by the State College Board. This part of the study would not have to be repeated because it was done by an outside of the state very authoritative group. Therefore, the money that is appropriated would certainly cover the study of the university system and the tech colleges. I would like to talk a little bit about my dream of the future of postsecondary education in the State of Nebraska. Kearney State College going into the university system is just a first step. It really is, in my opinion, the thing that we'll start thinking on what we should do with postsecondary education in our state. The tech colleges have sort of been a stepchild up until now that they are an integral important part of the needs of our citizens and I believe totally that they are as important as any other part of the system. My dream is that one day all of postsecondary education will be under one governing body. Governance is the important part of any institution simply because it makes policy and policy is more important than anything else because those subordinates who are under this policy must obey. No matter what they want to do, they must do what governance tells them. This leads to one more thing. Above this great board that is going to govern all of our postsecondary institutions is the Legislature and the executive branch of government, each having a part. Right now the governance from the Legislature is in great jeopardy because of the Attorney General's Opinion and his statements to the newspaper that should this come about he would have to challenge. This is exactly what we, in the Legislature, need. We need the challenge from the Attorney General so that we can actually find out what our position is in the governance of our postsecondary education. I would ask now that you do not vote for Sandy's amendment and that you vote for Senator Withem's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you like to put something into the record, please, at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, I would, thank you. Senator...I have amendments to be printed from Senator Lamb to LB 47, Senator Wesely to LB 706, Senator Lindsay to LB 681 and Senator Hefner to LB 325. (See pages 1566-71 of the Legislative Journal.)