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alluded to earlier, if we had been able to figure out how to do item seven, this is 85-918, it's the last...the last piece of the legislative intent of our current role and mission statute. One of the things we wanted then was to provide a mechanism for, (a), implementing an extensive change in the scope, role and mission of a campus; (b), closing a campus; (c), merging campuses; and, (d), changing a campus to serve a completely different public purpose. I believe that those...had we been successful at moving in that direction, we wouldn't have the troubles we have today in terms of figuring out can we, in fact, move Kearney or can we not. I would think that that is appropriate language...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...to direct this particular study. But I say, take my amendment now, add it to the Withem amendment and that is the only way that we're going to head off in a direction of saying, let's look at what ought to be done and how to do it. Otherwise, I think the whole...the whole process is driven only by the mechanics of how do you transfer Kearney and it doesn't get at any of the other things that I think most of you want to know in here. And so I urge you to adopt the amendment to the amendment, knowing full well that it isn't perfect but if you don't start at the right point and head in the right direction, you're never going to get there. And I will devote a good deal of my time the rest of the session trying to sufficiently define and narrow this so that we, in fact, answer the questions that concern us all about higher education, that address those resource questions and that make the most efficient use of what I think are very limited dollars in the state to support a lot of very worthwhile functions. But, again, I just say to you, if you don't adopt my amendment, you're headed off toward Chicago when you really want to go across Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Scofield amendment to the Withem amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: (Microphone not activated) ...and maybe not that close. I think we ought to just have a roll call vote and kind of get a look at what people are thinking about right now. So I would ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The question is, shall the house go under