

the language in front of me that Senator Withem is proposing, I'm a little hesitant to vote on this one way or the other. But it seems to me that if it reads...if it happened to read correctly and talk about the potential for transferring one institution into a different system, I would assume the language would say something about broad...a little broader language. I'm looking over here at Larry Scherer, I'm not asking him to uh-huh, or huh-uh. What are you...is that amendment going to say state colleges, and anything else in general? Is that what...is that how that's going to be drafted, just...it is not going to say that? I guess I'm not at all clear then exactly yet how the language of this would be. I think Senator Withem has thrown this out here more as a symbolic thing than anything else. And I guess I'm saying I don't want to avoid addressing the Kearney issue. It doesn't seem to me that it does us any good at all and, if we're not going to do that, we ought to just go home. My concern is I don't know how we're going to do this, and exactly how this language reads. So, given my concern for the fact that just the way I read this amendment, and if you're reading it too, I still think if you vote no on the Withem amendment, I still think you're saying let the Kearney State question drive the entire study of higher education. I don't think that's proper and I might change my mind if I saw exact language. But I'm having a real difficult time with this right now. So I guess, for lack of better direction at this time, I'm going to vote yes on the Withem amendment just to say I want to be really clear about what I'm studying here. I'm clear that I do not want only the question of moving one important piece of the puzzle to dominate and drive the whole study. I respect Senator Withem's integrity enough to say that I know he's probably not going to go off in some...on some tangent. But, nevertheless, I'd feel a lot better if I knew what that language actually looked like. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. And I might say, Senator Scofield and Senator Withem, that it's nice to see a friendlier, kinder atmosphere back there today. (Laughter.) Senator Crosby, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. I listened to the debate this morning and am interested in where some of the senators are coming from on this particular study. I am for the study and normally I cringe when I heard that phrase "interim study", because I think it's a good way to sweep something under the rug that you don't want to talk about. I liked Senator