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with Dr. Andrews, I asked him, what was your feelings after UN-O became part of the university system? Were there many problems, or were you sorry that it happened? He said, definitely not. And I cannot see that Kearney should be affected in any other way. I think that this is a statewide school system and it needs to be addressed in that area. I will be voting against the Withem amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, followed by Senator Warner. Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I'd like to call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Withem, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President. I'm going to take a moment or two, just once again, to reiterate what my intent is, procedurally what I'm doing here, then I'll let somebody who maybe supports the idea of the amendment do the actual closing on it, because I don't. What I'm doing is, what I'm doing is to give the Legislature an opportunity to vote along a continuum on how you want to address the Kearney State issue, hoping, probably against hope, but hoping that when you get through resolving what you do with Kearney that we'll still have a majority of people that are supportive of the idea of doing the broader, long-range study on higher ed. The four options, as I see them, the three options that are currently going to be before you, dealing with Kearney, are as follows--the committee...the bill, in its current form, indicates that there is a recognition that there is a unique problem at Kearney that needs extra attention during the study. The next amendment will be one by Senator Warner, as I understand it, that will not only give that attention but will presuppose that Kearney is going to go into the university system. A third option will be one offered to you by Senators Langford, Kristensen and Warner that will effectuate the transfer of Kearney that will be taking place as we do the study. The fourth option that I'm sensing some members of the Legislature would like to have before them