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LB 247

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I think the case has been laid out quite well. It is to provide the opportunity to get to the issue. Obviously, it would require the approval of 30 votes and I would hope that the body would do that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 2, Section 2, the question is the suspension of the rules. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Warner. I am sorry, I didn't hear you, Senator Warner. Record, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails. The rules are suspended. Senator Warner, would you care to reintroduce your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would defer to one of the other co-introducers, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I, truly, do appreciate the opportunity to give you the full amendment because this really is the issue that we want to talk about. Senator Withem has had a very good grasp on education. I suspect that is the reason that he is the Chairman of the Education Committee, because of his vision for not only what is presently happening in education but for what could happen into the future, and I appreciate your work and effort in that area. Kearney truly is a university and it has been that for some time. You know, one of the most compelling factors, and I think Senator Nelson brought this out earlier, and sometimes we lose track of these things, but there are 600 colleges in this country that have a smaller enrollment than Kearney. There are only four universities in this entire country that have larger populations than Kearney. Kearney truly is a university and has been operating that way for some time, and no matter what we do with LB 247 and the amendment that Senator Warner and I and Senator Langford have proposed today, sometime in this very near future, Kearney is going to be a university in the way that it works, the programs that it offers, and the governance that it has, and what we don't want to see happen, and what I don't think you want to see happen is to have two competing university systems out here. Our state is not that big. No, there is no desire at all to make UN-L