

something less. We don't want to dilute the flagship of the University of the State of Nebraska. What we want to do is add to it. And, truly, what this does is create one university system and there is a lot of concerns out here. Well, Kearney is going to do this, Kearney is going to drag down the university system, or Kearney is going to take away funds that are already needed. Quite frankly, this is not about money and this is not about funding. This is truly about governance. We will fight that issue later about funding. Kearney is already a state-funded institution, and so no matter where those funds come from, we are going to have to address those under funding issues. That is not the issue of the day. The issue of the day is if we are going to have a university operating as a university in Kearney, it should be under the University of Nebraska system and bridge this state from one end to the other. I mentioned earlier about an Attorney General's Opinion, and I think that you will find that in your Journals. If you haven't read it, you can look on page 1234, the Attorney General Opinion 89015, and that opinion, basically, gives us some history about our state colleges and about their very beginnings as normal training schools for teachers, and it makes this whole evolution of history and about how this state incorporated them into the Constitution. And then at the very end, it makes the jump and said, well, since their mission is that of primarily being a teachers college, they are going to need something else. The Board of Trustees has been empowered, much as the Board of Regents has, and we have said to the Board of Regents, you can't add or subtract out of there. The Board of Regents has a general governance of the university and, thus, so does the Board of Trustees. They are going to make that jump and that analogy but that is not true, and I have handed out a handout which shows you a little difference between what the Attorney General's Opinion is, and we have an outside opinion drawn from a law firm up in Omaha, and I know what most of you are going to say, well, those are just lawyers' opinions, and you know something? You are right, that is all they are. But, quite frankly, if we don't challenge the basic premise that the Attorney General's Opinion set forth, we are setting a very dangerous course. Senator Warner is right. The real issue on this, the real issue is, should Kearney become part of the University of Nebraska system? It has over 9,000 students. It offers a variety of master's programs. And, sure, we might have some duplication undergraduate. Everybody is going to have to have English 101, and math, and so on, but, really, what we are talking about is the availability of master's programs in this