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convince me that that is the case and I don't think you can tell and convince the people of the state that that is the case. There is no harm in taking the time to consider this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: The bill before you would take that step and take it, I think, in a way that would be very constructive. To act first and study later is foolishness and it ought not to be done and I hope you will consider that very carefully. Now there is much to be said about...much to be said about what Kearney has been doing in the past, many questions raised about what they are doing across the state, some of the programs. I have heard about them. And I think if we want to proceed with this, we better understand that Kearney at this point, I don't think, can arguably be compared to the University of Nebraska in terms of the programs, in terms of the quality. It would have to have additional resources to bring it up to that sort of quality and that's more money, money away for other institutions perhaps or an increase in taxes. One way or the other, this is no simple proposition and no simple solution and I ask you to reject it and allow us to study it in detail and comprehensively so we take the right action and not the hasty...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...expedient action.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Crosby and Elmer.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I find it very interesting to listen to some of the comments, particularly of Senator Wesely, in talk about turf wars and regional differences. You know, I guess I don't believe that's true. I'm a graduate of the University of Nebraska, very proud of it. In fact, that's the institution, had I not had that education, I wouldn't have had the chance to do some of the things I have got to do. And I am very, very proud of that fact. But I think it's also important that I don't want to dilute that institution, in fact, I would like to add to it and strengthen that institution and that's exactly what we will do with this bill and with this amendment. The fact that Kearney is acting as a university now, don't ignore reality, the fact that it is, and we can stick our heads in the sand and say, well, let's