

happens if we come into this university system, we're just going to get vacuumed out of here. All the resources are going to go back to Lincoln. They thought long and hard before they, as a faculty, took a stand on this issue. And they are for it and they are for it a 100 percent as well as the faculty at UN-O, because I think that they see that they have had some benefit as well. So I what I really wanted to leave you with here is that this is a statewide issue and it's an issue that needs to be addressed right now. And I would urge you to advance this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Rod Johnson has some guests in the east balcony, as a matter of fact, they are cousins of Senator Johnson, John and Jeff Stone from Harvard. Would you folks stand up. Thank you. Glad to have you. Senator Crosby, additional debate.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have heard a lot of things again this afternoon. I keep comforting myself at the moment and I hope it continues. The University of Nebraska at Lincoln has hung onto Tom Osborne and the ETV station, so I hope that Kearney and UN-O and all don't have envious eyes on those two things. Who decided this is the time? Is it written in Ecclesiastes that this is the time to put Kearney State in the university's system? I'm not sure that this is the time and one of the things I like about the Attorney General's Opinion is that it slowed it down. I feel like we go too fast on these things. Kearney, I agree with Senator Scofield, that Kearney has continued to speak and talk about...when I say Kearney I mean the people at Kearney that it will help their funding. I can't see how that is going to help by putting them in the university's system but I do disagree with the people who say it's already a university. A university is a collection of colleges with different disciplines. We have an Arts and Sciences; we have a College of Engineering; we have a College of Journalism; we have a School of Music, all those under one umbrella and when you remove the facade of the university, you find this beautiful educational system teaching students, scholars writing essays, publications; engineering inventing; the research at the agricultural school coming up with new nutritional and food, the thing...ways to use the products that we produce in the State of Nebraska. There is so much more there in the music and art department, creative composers who send their music all over the world and I could go back and get names for you if you want them of the musicians and artists that