

that Peru State will not be affected, badly affected in any way? Can you guarantee me that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, no, just as I probably couldn't guarantee you that the waste site is going to be a 100 percent safe either. There aren't any 100 percent guarantees. I happen to believe though that the other state colleges are going to find themselves in a better position and the reason is that they're going to have more things in common in terms of their size and the way they're going to behave in their funding. And so I think that exactly the opposite would happen. I couldn't guarantee it's going to hurt them but I think that you will find they will actually be benefited.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Well, what you think and what might actually happen is a good reason for this study because if, indeed, Peru is hurt, if you hurt Peru State in any way, you hurt...we're talking turf here and I'm...I will be happy to talk turf because if you hurt Peru State, you hurt the economy of my district and that hurts me and if that's a turf battle, that's what I'm here for, to protect the economy and the rights of my district. So I think I would stand for the study...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...before anything like this would ever happen. I could not vote for this without a study. If there is any time left, Jacky...Senator Smith can have it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, time has expired. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I rise to support this amendment, for several reasons. Senator Wesely has indicated that this is a divisive issue. It's not a divisive issue. The University of Nebraska should be exactly that, the University of Nebraska. People west of Lincoln view it as the University of Lincoln more than anything else. This would create a part of a linkage for all of the extension service that's being done, all of the work that Kearney has been doing in the community colleges. All of our kids out there would love to be able to have a degree that says, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science from the University of Nebraska, at Kearney, at Lincoln, at Omaha or wherever else it might be. I don't look at this as a challenge of the Attorney General's Opinion. This is a challenge to us to extend the best quality education, the