

There could be an original action filed in the Nebraska Supreme Court either by another institution, perhaps by a taxpayer or some interested group. It doesn't necessarily have to be this body and it doesn't have to be the Attorney General himself.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do you have somebody in mind?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Not yet.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body...

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, Senator Nelson, I was on the second page of the lights. Senator Langford is next, followed by Senator Abboud. My apologies. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, colleagues, needless to say, this is my favorite subject. Some of the things that have been said today are not exactly true. For one thing, this is not something that has been hurried. After all, Kearney State College, 15 years ago, was reorganized into what could go into university status. Instead of being called schools, they are called departments. Every department has a dean, they are fully organized in university status. And, for 15 years, the talk about Kearney State becoming a university has been intermittent. It is on, it is off. It's no big hurried thing. It isn't something that someone thought about a couple years ago. It's just that the people in Kearney have finally reached the point where they are losing their patience so they decided now is the time, let's try it. There are several points that have not come forward. One of them is that when it comes time for companies to look for industrial development there are figures that are available how many universities per pop...of the population. In the State of Nebraska we have one university for 800,000 population. Someplace like Wisconsin, they have one university for 345,000 population. Adding Kearney State will make our statistics look a bit better because, yes, in truth, it is a university. Now let's talk a little bit about role and mission. Kearney State has never extended beyond their role and mission at any time. There has been a misunderstanding in that you cannot go to Kearney State and get a Master of Arts, Master of