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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If you're going to duplicate agricultural research, that's not very practical to do that. If you want to have some applied areas or perhaps some business administration research, that might be a logical extension of what Kearney is already doing. But the wisdom of the Legislature is going to dictate that and...

SENATOR SMITH: All right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...of regents.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, not in other words, then you've made, and this is kind of a problem for me, quite honestly, even though I am supportive and I'm sort of like Senator Bernard-Stevens. I am feeling as though I'm compelled to support this. I do have my own concerns about doing this because I have a real concern about the limited number of dollars that we have in Nebraska to fund higher education and I don't want to see, if we do this, that we, in the end...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...put in place something that is going to create duplication of effort and the feud that goes on so that we're going to have battling of, and the building of two empires which, you know, out there and in here too, because you've mentioned a number of times, referred to funding, that this deals with funding. And I have a real concern about that because I don't want to see us then create some new stuff that is going to duplicate and create the need for additional new funds to be siphoned into a university system. And finally, I would ask you this question. Do you then perceive that there will be additional cost as a result of them being made a part of the university system?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, I want to correct...

SENATOR SMITH: No, no, I want you to answer.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that you talked about...

SENATOR SMITH: Just answer my question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I haven't done...