

split in this state that will be very detrimental to the long-term good of the whole State of Nebraska. And I understand, I come from a perspective of Lincoln and the Lincoln campus, I understand that, but the other state colleges that are affected by this as well, what happens to them now? What happens to the other campuses in addition to the Lincoln campus and Omaha? Particularly what I am concerned about is, although we've been giving some assurances that we will not have a diversion of resources over to the Kearney campus, that we will be able to maintain a strong higher education system, strong campus in Lincoln, I think that is not what is going to happen. I think what's going to happen is you're going to see greater demands now being made by Kearney on the university, on this Legislature, on this state and on its taxpayers to spend more money at Kearney. They'll use different peer groups to try and argue for higher faculty salaries. They'll use comparisons with the university to try and argue for greater buildings, equipment and other expenditures. You're going to see an increase in funding and an increase that we can't particularly afford, thus we'll see a diminishment of resources going to the other campuses and, particularly perhaps, the flagship campus at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Now you may think that is Lincoln's problem. That may be what you believe, but that is Nebraska's problem because the future of this state and the opportunity to move into the new age we're moving into which recognizes the intellect and research of the citizenry of this state and nation and around the world as the primary engine which strives economic development and economic stability will be harmed. What we've seen instead of the dispersion of resources, instead of throwing money all over and attempt to please everybody, we've seen concentrations of resources into particular areas where great potential rests in these other states that I think have been very successful in their economic development and educational enhancement. We've seen and recognized that they need to put money into the best scholars, into the best researchers and provide the best education and the best research so that we can provide that cutting edge of people and technology that can make the difference for our state. I think by diverting the funds, as will happen, and I assure you it will happen, you are going to harm other campuses and this state by the vote you just took. And I know there is great relief among those that have worked hard for this effort. And I also know there is a different viewpoint out there, and let's talk about it for a second. There are some in the university system and central administration office that very much wanted