

decision and that commission that is going to be appointed, that study that is going to be done is going to basically try to find a way to facilitate what this body has just determined it wanted to do. It is not going to reverse direction when the Legislature has just taken a vote like that. It is totally out of line with what human nature would tell you what happened. If you wanted to be fair about it, if you want to be open-minded about it, you wouldn't have voted for that amendment and you would have allowed the study to continue as originally proposed and that's really the course of action that we should get back to. But short of that, I, for one, move to kill this bill and, hopefully, kill this mistake before we see it enacted into law and years from now pay the price and wonder why we did it.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I share Senator Wesely's concerns, I guess for different reasons. It is my perspective, in fact, that Kearney may have just lost this vote. It has been my concern all along. I really didn't think we'd get this far this year so I haven't raised it. But I guess I have to wonder, and I understand Kearney's frustrations about funding and the desire to be called a university, but I've often wondered why would you want to crawl into bed with somebody as big as the university? Why would you want to move out of a relatively small system where you've had pretty much the opportunity to be flexible and do what you want to do and serve your area, in fact, get well outside your role and mission, I might add, which I think is part of Senator Warner's frustration, and come in with the University of Nebraska at both Lincoln and Omaha and where are you going to be in the pecking order? Well, it's pretty obvious where you're going to be and where you're going to be at the trough. I think that if I were...and I hate to drag this down to regionalism, factualism, but that's...we're getting there and I guess we might as well be up front and think about it. That's one of the reasons why I've been for the study all along and not taking too hasty of moves. Spence Morrissey said what is this going to do to Peru? I have not heard an Omaha senator speak much on this, but I think you have to wonder how does this affect Omaha? I think...we're politicians, this is a political body. The political ramifications of this are very, very interesting and I am,