

obviously, is here in Lincoln. It will remain here. There is no question that in the battle for funds between the flagship campus at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln versus UN-O who prevails. There is no question of who is going to prevail in the future. It frustrated me as an Omaha area senator, it has frustrated me as a senator interested in things other than higher education, continues to frustrate me, the favoritism that we tend to give toward that body for resources. When I hear the type of selfishness I heard before, that we may possibly have to share some of those resources that we continue to get year after year, I'm convinced we did the right thing, very definitely convinced we did the right thing. We have spent all day on this bill. There is nothing to be critical of the body for spending all day on an important measure like this, it's the right thing to do to spend a lot of time talking about the bill. This morning, through a series of amendments, we worked toward the will of the body of defining how we want this study to be carried out. A few moments ago we worked the will of the body, again, as to what we do with Kearney State as a part of that study process. The will of the body has spoken, we're now in the process of, if we didn't get our way on those amendments before, we're now in the process of badgering the bill, hoping it won't advance on further. I think the body has done a commendable job today of working our policy on what we want a portion of the higher education system to look like and also putting in place some things to bring about some real long-range changes. A point has been made if you put Kearney into the university system, there is no other need to study and I guess I've not done a very effective job, if that is your view, talking about what I have perceived in my time here in the Legislature as those problems that we have in higher education. We have situations where one segment doesn't talk to another segment. We have situations where we can't coordinate what is being done, that we cannot get the proper decisions made in higher education that we need. That's the purpose of the study. And whether you...before you do that study you move one campus to another governing body or whether you wait until afterward, it is really irrelevant to the overall purpose of the bill. I think Doug Kristensen, Jerry Warner, Lorraine Langford did a good job of making their points to the body today and they have convinced that that piece ought to be transferred now rather than later. But the large picture of what our higher education system should look like, those types of questions on how do we govern it, how do we allocate resources, how do we create a vision of what our higher education system should be doing, how