

guarding Brinks Bank, I mean, they can't do anything and as we evidenced by the last vote we just had, we are going to govern higher education in this state practically by politics. Kearney had the political power to get that vote on. I actually didn't vote because I don't know what we're supposed to do, but we're not going to listen to anyone other than the...I mean I don't want to accuse people of just talking just sheer power politics, but we've all made a political decision there. We made a political decision that Kearney should be in the university and we had our reasons for doing that, but we're not going to listen to anybody, we're not going to listen to anybody. So if the Nebraska Coordinating Commission isn't going to do anything, let's name it appropriately and call it the Nebraska Data Center for Postsecondary Education because all they're really doing, they have two people up there collecting data and they're doing absolutely no coordinating of higher education. The only coordination of higher education comes in the political battles spun on this floor. Obviously, this amendment is not germane and I'll withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: Did you say you'll withdraw it?

SENATOR MOORE: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We're back on the advancement of the bill. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President, fellow senators, I was pretty excited about the amendment, Senator Moore, you had me all pumped up there. I'd just like to make a few comments. I've had my light on for a long time and haven't been able to speak and I'd just like to ask the question, what's the rush? This seems to me to be a very complex issue and we're talking about bringing Kearney State in within the university umbrella. We've had a lot of studies of postsecondary education, but none of them have really focused on the Kearney State issue. And I'm afraid that, by doing this very precipitously and prematurely, that there will be negative aspects to it for Kearney State as well as for the entire structure of higher education in Nebraska including the other state colleges, Wayne State, Peru State and Chadron State. It seems to me that the real issue is that