

this movement of putting Kearney into the university system makes it more likely that the study that we do in 247 will not be just another study put on the shelf, put in the drawers and forgotten about. That in many ways it will make it inevitably, that we will follow up on the recommendations of the study, may accept them, may revise them, may reject them, but we will be making some changes. And I think some changes are necessary. I did pass out a document I'd like you to take a look at, because I've been one who, when I stand on the floor and talk about coordination, I usually do it from a negative point of view, saying why don't those dummies out there do a better job of coordinating. I don't say dummies, but that may be kind of the message that comes across. Came across a little document yesterday, it was given to me by Dr. McPherson, out at Kearney State College, demonstrating an example of the type of things we need to be doing in higher education. Educational administration programs...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...to people in Valentine, Ainsworth, Mullen, Ogallala and Imperial are given on-sight through a cooperative program from Chadron State College and Kearney State College. People can enroll for law, for teachers, either enrolling in Chadron school law for teachers, or Kearney legal perspectives for teachers, go to Valentine in the fall of 1990, take this class, enroll in either institution and it's taught cooperatively. I think this is stuff we need to be doing more of. And it's real difficult for us to do it with the way our higher education system is governed and set up, because we've had these horror stories of attempts to coordinate in the past. That's the type of stuff we need to do. We need to be getting more bang for our buck, we need a better system of organizing higher ed. This bill aims toward that, doesn't just aim toward the Kearney situation, but resolving the Kearney situation in a manner which I think is inevitable is an acceptable part of setting this plan in action. I support leaving Kearney in the bill. I oppose Senator Wesely's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator McFarland and Senator Nelson. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I am just going to answer a few questions that Senator Wesely asked. Number one, why do we think we're a university? Because the Carnegie