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against the state budget, which are already made by a great many other people...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...would simply be intensified and what they see as a waning sense of responsibility and commitment to the university will be endangered even further. And to them I had to say the same thing, that's life, that's the way it is. Whether or not we use a name or whether or not it is under the board of regents, that will still be true tomorrow. At issue here is simply, it seems to me, a recognition of that which has already occurred and which cannot be undone. But in the form of governance it seems to me that the board of regents has a history of knowing how to administer and deal with universities and the State College Board clearly, in the last ten years, has not. They have had very little exercise of restraint or discipline. They have done no role and mission analysis as far as I can tell, basically, because they've had this one element that is unlike everything else.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: And no wonder they haven't been able to find a way to draw objective standards for knowing what to do with it. I'm going to oppose the Wesely amendment, I'm going to support LB 247.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Warner.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I rise this morning to do something I don't often do and that is disagree with Senator Warner and agree with Senator Wesely, while at the same time protecting the University of Nebraska. I'm not often accused of doing that. The reason I do this, I rise in support of the Wesely amendments and I can say it for the record, even though it's not going to make any difference, because my vote will indicate otherwise, that I'm not against Kearney becoming part of the university necessarily. But what I'm against is making the decision on Kearney independent of everything else because when you do that, you're not addressing the problem of access to graduate programs in outstate Nebraska, you're not addressing the problem of what you're going to do with Peru State College and Wayne State College and Chadron State College.