

virtually no limits on role and mission for undergraduate programs at either the state colleges or the university except a few limited areas and there are some limitations in the medical area, there are some limitations in agricultural area, but other than that they have no restrictions upon the kind of undergraduate programs that they...any of them can offer other than limited by demand, obviously, of students and by their funding ability at that institution and to the extent that they make reallocation of existing funds and eliminate programs and had programs in that process. In my opinion there will be, with Kearney coming into the university system, my opinion, the peer groups which we hear frequently refer to the peer groups, will be different as they are now for each of the universities within the university system, just as the peer groups are currently different for each of the state colleges within the state college system. And that, in effect, brings about no change at all. One of the reasons, and I want to repeat, I support putting Kearney in as a matter of policy because I believe it's right, but we have made reference also in the probability of a court test case in view of the conflicting opinions, but the Attorney General's Opinion in particular which raises questions as to whether or not this can be done by statute, but it also raises another question that we haven't been touching on very much because the Attorney General's Opinion would appear to be very restrictive, very restrictive as to what could be offered at the state colleges including Wayne, Peru and Chadron, so restrictive I think it's unrealistic. But nevertheless, if we're going to have a study, you're going to give some structure to that study by having those constitutional issues cleared up because if we...in a timely fashion...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...because otherwise if we're going to solely deal with every change as a constitutional change, even though it may not be necessary, you're delaying any kind of implementation from anywhere from three to four years at a minimum and more likely five or six years before you could begin to address. It could also be said that there are a long list of items that are not addressed by moving Kearney, but I also would argue that any consultant, any contractor that does the study will...would no consultant, in fact, would recommend the establishment of a separate university system in the State of Nebraska with a 1.6 million people. You know that it will be, at least I believe it will be consistent with anything that may