

come. Now there will be an amendment offered by Senator Wehrbein which again states in writing what all of us would recognize if the contractor for the study comes up saying that this is an inconsistent, we will review and look at, but I think it's so unlikely that it's not a factor...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We have a very special guest under the north balcony, if I could have your attention back there. The Governor has just proclaimed this month as the Better Hearing and Speech Month and Christopher Hale is the Poster Child and he has just met with the Governor and he has come over to visit us. He is here with attendant Norma Mosely, Meretta Camp who is a speech pathologist at Immanuel Hospital and his grandparents, Ellie and Rich Thomas and Uncle Carl and also there are some representatives from the Nebraska Speech and Hearing. So would you please welcome Christopher Hale as the poster child of the year and his friends. Some of you may wish to go back and visit with Christopher and his friends since they are here. We certainly welcome you and we're happy you are all here. Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I guess we sit down and and start to look at this issue and rehash the discussions that we had of last week and I think we all listened very intently. That's one of the few days that I think I've seen everybody listen so intently and so carefully and it was really a day that a lot of things were discussed and decided and Senator Wesely's fine speeches of insight, and I mean that sincerely, Senator Wesely, because there is some sincerity in those statements and sometimes we do say things here that sometimes we don't always mean personally or in those areas and I think that you've brought that clearly back to the floor this morning. I thank you for that. But whether you call Kearney a university or not really isn't the question right here. The question is, look at the nature of Kearney, look at what we're dealing with. There is no specific formula for determining what a university is. This isn't simply a name change. This isn't an issue that we look at solely in one specific little window and say, aw, we're going to just pick out Kearney, deal with it this year, and go on down the line. Senator Withem's whole study has an excellent point to it and it has a very strong