

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And we've made that decision. I think we ought to stick by that decision and it is the obvious one that Kearney is acting. It is in the nature of a university and we can't have two competing systems. Let's put them in the system and give Senator Withem's bill the real guidance that it needs. It isn't, right now, the structure, it's what to do with that structure and Senator Withem's bill is the perfect way to do that. And I'd leave with you that we've made those decisions. I haven't heard the compelling reasons to change our mind as a body. I've heard the same concerns. I think we have concerns with every bill we pass in here, will it work, will it work? We don't know the answer to that to Senator Baack's choice bill, we don't know the answer to that to any of the property tax relief programs. But we're willing to take those opportunities and those stands and to go forward. If we had a guarantee of every program and everything we do with absolute certainty, there wouldn't be a need for any one of us here because there would be a little book we could read and said, okay, this is what we're going to do next and this.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'd urge you to defeat the Wesely amendment and advance the bill on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I'd rise in support of the Wesely amendment. Basically for what I had stated earlier, I would have a question of Senator Kristensen if he would, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, would you respond?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Kristensen, one thing I'm not sure on, if Kearney becomes part of the university, will the salaries for the teachers at Kearney then be equalized to the level at those at the university?