

institution and all of a sudden we do not take care of some of our other responsibilities. I mentioned this morning the responsibilities in regard to soil and water. Others have talked about the responsibilities in regard to children. Others have talked about responsibilities in areas of law enforcement. All of those areas need to be addressed as a part of the overall system, but if this body is overbalanced on one side, and out of balance, then there comes the possibility of that perhaps the other responsibilities of the state are not going to be addressed fairly and equitably. There is one other concern and I think that there is some deep concern about it and I think that probably the present members of this body are capable of handling it, but there is a danger, a real danger that Kearney could become sort of the stepchild of the university and not be taken care of in a manner which is commensurate with their responsibilities and their needs and certainly the higher goals that we want for the university. If the Kearney institution becomes a part of the university, it ought to be equal to all other aspects of the university and then you get in the situation that Senator Moore is talking about, that is the matter of tuition at this time. I don't know how you're going to handle that but it would appear to me to be that perhaps there ought to be some adjustment in that capacity...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and some attempt at least to address it because if we're going to go to the university status and play with the big boys, then we ought to be willing to pay the price also. But I want to just remind you again that once you take this step that I'd want to caution the body that we then do not just become a...rather than a Legislature for the entire State of Nebraska, that we become merely a funding mechanism for the University of Nebraska with all other responsibilities taking second or third or fourth area of choice in priority.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Hefner and Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to support the Wesely amendment which probably doesn't come as any particular surprise to you and I want to make very clear that my support for this amendment has nothing to do with my belief that Kearney should become a university. In fact, I think Kearney, in fact, does have every reason to call themselves a university.