

west has for an NBA program. I would suggest that perhaps it's appropriate not to make a preconceived notion about only one system and I would cite the study in West Virginia which is similar to the one we're contemplating where, in fact, the study that they hired came in and said you should go to two systems. So I think we should keep an open mind on this issue and not go in with any preconceived notions. I appreciate Senator Withem's comments about the cooperative graduate study opportunities, I agree with him. These are the kinds of things that we'd like to see more of in this state and so far though I guess this is about one of the only examples that I think any of us could point to to say genuine and effective coordination has taken place. There have been some failed attempts that we have mentioned before where the university has not been able to pull that off. And my concern with moving Kearney into this new... I don't know if this is the Bermuda Triangle or whatever it would become, but my concern is that we are, in fact, building one tremendous bureaucracy here, folks, and we're adding to a bureaucracy that frankly hasn't been all that responsive to the balance of the state to date. And so I think Senator Schmit's comments about where you focus resources and what kinds of political balances...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...you strike are very, very significant to be considered here. Senator Withem made the point about are our higher education directions in sync with our directions as a state, specifically with what we're doing with New Horizons. I'm not sure they are. I think that's why we're doing this study and I think we should raise those issues in a broader context and try to decide how do you serve the whole state? I also continue to have concerns about, I believe there is no question but what this amendment is going to be found unconstitutional. You can disagree all day maybe about how the Attorney General chose to get to his conclusion, but I cannot imagine that there will be anything ruled other than this will be unconstitutional. So I don't think it is going to actually serve the purposes that the introducers of this are hoping to accomplish. I'm going to raise an amendment later, again, that will reiterate my belief that Kearney should in fact become a university and, in fact, I had a bill, 760 this year that suggested we should allow name changes for all of the state colleges if we're going to be in tune with what is going on nationally. You have a little pamphlet in front of you that you