

may want to take a look at. I think that will answer some of those questions about what does a university mean today. Nationally it means something very differently than what a lot of people are saying it means here on the floor today. We have a choice to make that decision here in Nebraska. There are a few states, four to be exact, that have criteria for differentiating public institutions into colleges and universities and that is, I think, a legitimate question for us to deal with in the State of Nebraska. But I would urge you at this point to support the Wesely amendment simply because I think if we create this little triangle, we're very likely to ignore the needs of the balance of the state and we're very likely to move ahead on some assumptions that simply would not be the best way to proceed in terms of the best use of resources, the best balance of interest across the state and an ability to move forward with what I hope will be a very futuristic...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...higher education system in Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the Wesely amendment which would strike the Warner amendment. I feel that the Warner amendment puts the cart before the horse. I believe we should have that study, go ahead with the study and then decide whether we want to make Kearney a university. And I believe that in the end I'll support Kearney as a university school because like it has been said on the floor many times here, it certainly deserves to be a university. I'm also wondering how it will affect the other state colleges like Wayne State that is in my area in northeast Nebraska, also Chadron State and Peru. Maybe this study would call us to make all of those universities and if the study does, well then I think we ought to go ahead with it. But there is a lot of questions that I need to be answered before I can support just Kearney State as a university. Also, now we have a university foundation. I wonder if we add Kearney State to the university, how that will affect the foundation. I realize now that the foundation makes contributions to the three universities that we have. Unless you...or the donor that makes this contribution to