

the foundation especially designates which college or which university he wants it to go, and so those are the questions that I still have, so at this time I'm going to support the Wesely amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Lowell Johnson and Senator McFarland.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support my colleague from Lincoln, Senator Landis, in the remarks that he made which I thought were very thoughtful and right on target and to oppose the Wesely amendment. I'd like to tell you all that I did try to get the university on the phone but their line was busy today. I'm from rural Nebraska. I attended both UN-L and Kearney as an undergraduate and as a graduate student I took classes at both institutions, and I found them both to be very fine institutions. I'm also familiar with, Senator Morrissey, with the campus at Peru and I have a great affection for what that campus does for that part of the state and also with Chadron and Wayne. I also have a lot empathy for what the community college systems are going through right now. In Appropriations Committee we heard about the problems of being at tax levy limitations out in the western community college system. And I guess I've just been watching the higher educational field for long enough that I realize that we have been talking and talking and talking and studying and studying and studying and nothing ever happens about addressing the coordination in higher education that is so vitally needed I think in the coming years. A lot of talk has been done about funding on this floor. Well I don't think we're ever going to get control of the whole funding questions unless we do have a system of higher education coordination. And I guess I think Kearney is ready for university status even if you don't consider it to be a university, yet it has all the attributes of a good university. And unless we leave Kearney in this bill and unless we leave Kearney in the question, I don't think we're going to have a catalyst to really address the problems that we've been trying to address for 20 years or more. Kearney, I think, is ready. I think it is inevitable. I think we should leave it in the bill and let that act as the impetus to really do something meaningful not just for Kearney, not just for the university system, but for the entire higher education system. And Senator Morrissey and others from the state college systems, I don't think that probably you've been adequately funded to date. I don't think that we're going to have adequate funding