

move toward the twenty-first century. The addition of Kearney State can be a pivotal step in the chain of events which could mean progress and excellence for Nebraska higher education. I urge your vote against the Wesely amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely, would you like to close on your motion, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I do appreciate the discussion on this issue and I do look forward to the vote on the matter. We're attempting again to strike the Warner amendment which added Kearney to the university system onto this bill. It is really the fundamental issue that has certainly preoccupied us over the course of the last few days. I think all of us have thought it through and maybe some of us have changed our mind, maybe some of us haven't, but what is kind of interesting is if you look at the Lincoln delegation for instance, which is, of course, very interested in this issue as the flagship institution and the campuses located in our city is split 3-3 with people that are of good intent in both sides, very supportive of the university, one saying that bringing Kearney in is going to be positive, the other side saying it could be one of the worst things that happened to the university in quite some time, very different opinions about what this is going to accomplish. It's not a question of seeing a glass and thinking it's half full or half empty, it's a question of looking at a glass and seeing it full or seeing it empty. I mean, there is no halfway point here. There is a concern that this proposal is going to have a very detrimental effect on the university and on the other state colleges as Senator Morrissey has talked about, Senator Scofield has talked about and there is also the optimism of some people that this will be a good and positive thing for the state. I guess at this point it's the