

fact that there is such uncertainty, such divergence, such difference of opinion that leads me to once again reach the conclusion that a study and an understanding of where we're going is best before we proceed down this road, that not knowing where we're going, not knowing how we're going to get there has got us split and uncertain and that is why you see people with very common interests completely different on terms of their position on this issue. Until we know more about what we're going to do and what's going to happen and how it is going to happen, I say that it's better not to proceed, better to see the full vision of what is happening here and then to act at that point. And, again, I make the point and I have this concern that the regionalism that has been somewhat expressed on the floor here over the course of discussion on this bill, will be mirrored over in the board of regents in a way that has not been the case in the past. We have not had the sort of fights and regionalism perhaps that you will see I think when Kearney comes into the system, that when you have an elected board of regents elected by district, you're going to have divisions with Kearney in there that you wouldn't have otherwise. And it is this split that I see as having a potential disastrous effect on the university in general and perhaps Lincoln in particular, but it doesn't have to be in Lincoln in particular. It could be Omaha in particular. It could be Kearney. We don't know. And it's because I think we ought to proceed with an understanding of exactly the role and mission, exactly what we hope to accomplish and also look at the governance issue and the change that would perhaps look at bringing all the state colleges under the university and bring the board of regents out of an elective and into an appointive procedure is where I think we need to at least look at that before we move down this road in the fashion that we are. And, again, I raise the constitutional issue. We are, if we do not strike this amendment, in for a court test, perhaps a lengthy, perhaps an expensive one and I question whether that's the best way to resolve the issue when all these other questions are pending. I look forward to the vote, I ask for your support and would move to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? A record vote has been asked for. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1801-02 of the Legislative Journal.) 9 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.