

with any kinds of recommendations that would come, that it is a distinct and separate issue that can be addressed at this point. So I don't think we're ready to go to a single governing board as proposed by this amendment. I think that we should stay with that aspect that is in the bill now which there is every policy justification for it and I'm sure every consistent policy with any study that will be performed by whomever it is done with.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, Senator Withem on deck.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. This is an interesting amendment for a person to have to address who is kind of pulled and tugged by this whole issue. I think that I will go ahead and support this which may come as a surprise, perhaps to Senator Withem, because his answer to the question was, the other three didn't want to go. I'm not sure that question has ever really been thoroughly addressed. That may, in fact, not necessarily be the case given the current development. I would also question the college professors' statement, and I'm not historically absolutely perfect on this either, but my perception is that the changes that happened in the name change were generally agreed to by the entire state systems and Kearney experienced the same kinds of desires for name changes as everybody else. But this is the first time that I know of one part of that system essentially trying to leave the system and I think one of the concerns that the other three state colleges have about a proposed change is, is that, frankly, with the size of Kearney at this point they are an important piece of the delivery of systems throughout regional institutions and, in fact, that may in fact change the whole political balance in terms of the kind of service that people might expect across the rest of the state. I would go back and talk a little bit about Senator Warner's comments earlier about expansion of programs is more appropriate in one system rather than two. I've already talked about the West Virginia study that says not necessarily, so theoretically that is perhaps not even correct and we know in practice that that hasn't worked very well but if, let's for a minute suspend those arguments and say if you accept that assumption that you should have one system delivering graduate programs rather than two, then it seems to me it's correct to bring in all if our goal is really to get coordination. Then it seems to me that's the only way that we're going to get there. I passed out a picture of where the regents are currently located and I think this raises a second interesting question. If you're to bring us all in, then