

Wesleyan is a wonderful liberal arts school, you can't compare that to Kearney State, they are two different entities. The whole thing boils down, I think, to the fact that our schools that we are talking about today are state supported schools. Those other schools that you are talking about are heavily endowed, and they have high tuition rates. So I don't think that the comparison is good. They have high tuition, which Scott Moore mentioned this morning the difference between Kearney State and UN-L's tuition. They pay professors high salaries. I mentioned before they are heavily endowed, but we are state supported, and that boils down to money right here in Salt Creek City, that is money, out in the Platte River valley, Pine Ridge, wherever, what we are talking about here today is money and whether or not we can support all of the schools. And if Kearney State coming into the university system is the answer, well and good. I'm pleased that it hasn't gone too quickly, I think that's the strength of our system, from the federal system all the way through to the states rights, one of the big strengths of the United States of America is we can't get things done too quickly. Ten years from now we will know whether or not what we did today was good. We aren't going to know tomorrow, we aren't going to know next summer, we aren't even going to know three years from now because it takes time for these things that we put into a statute to take effect and to see how it works. So, as I said when I stood up, I am going to support the Wehrbein amendment because I like the idea of the...of its being in this study that they have to come back to us if it has not worked the way that they think, or if we've done something that the study group thinks needs to be looked at again, fine. So I will vote for the amendment, and I hope the rest of you do, too. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, also intend to support this amendment with a cautionary note to individuals, as I don't think anybody is really thinking about voting any other way than yes on this anyway, based on the comments I'm hearing. But I think it is important to think about this in terms of make sure how you cast this vote, might be more significant in terms of the kind of message it sends than what the actual language of the amendment says. I think we need to be fair to Kearney.

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.)