

we going to call the university if we let these state colleges call themselves universities. I don't know what the answer to that, Senator Crosby, is, and I don't know that....One state has solved that, incidentally, by allowing its lead institution to call itself "The" university. So, I don't know, maybe we can let them do capital letters or something. But the point of the matter...of the fact is here that if you look in this brochure, if you look at the map, which at the time that this brochure was printed up the bill had not been introduced that would have designated Nebraska four year institutions as universities. So our coloration is not correct. But you'll notice South Dakota is the most recent one. And we are, in fact, right now, with very comparable institutions and I think frankly superior institutions, still calling those institutions colleges in Nebraska that have since adopted the university designation in South Dakota. Black Hills State University, for instance, at Spearfish is very much comparable to Chadron State College, and yet they're calling themselves a university. I think the reasonable thing to do, in terms of giving students the greatest amount of marketability with their resumes, and allowing them to put university designation on their resumes, is an important service to students. If you go out in this world and compete outside of the state for a job, which some of our students will, that makes a difference. Much of this confusion has evolved just historically over what's happened. And let me just talk a little bit about the history. The history of name changes is not at all new in the state college system in this state. You will recall that when the state colleges were formed they were called normal schools. Then they decided they should have a name change. I don't believe it was particularly controversial at the time they became state teachers colleges. And then somewhere in the sixties, I've forgotten the precise date, they became state colleges. It was a natural evolution, a natural name change that just simply indicated what was happening to those institutions as they grew away from being primarily teacher preparation institutions to more comprehensive institutions. The seventies, in particular, brought important changes to these institutions as more students started taking business courses than they do teacher education courses, which is still the case today. So it's simply appropriate that we, once again, apart from all the other rhetoric that's gone on, think about what's in the best interest of these students who continue to go to these state colleges, what would be so wrong with letting them call themselves state universities? I think it's a fair thing to do, it's a rational kind of thing to do in