

suspend the rules. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1807 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Back to the bill itself. Discussion on the advancement of LB 247. I have a number of lights on. Senator Elmer, would you care to discuss the advancement of the bill, followed by Senator Scofield, Senator Korshoj and Senator McFarland. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I haven't spoken on this bill since we've started. I feel like with the situation that we have at Kearney, it has more students now than when I attended the University of Nebraska in the late fifties. Has a great variety of programs and with the coordination that can be achieved between the various schools that are offering graduate work and could offer more graduate that it is in the best interests of the state to combine these into a single unit as much as possible. As to the names that we were discussing a short time ago, it's irrelevant what you really call the school. It's like an actor or an actress in Hollywood choosing the name that they wish, that they think it's going to look best in lights and really is of no consequence to the meat and potatoes and gravy of the school. But I would urge your support of LB 247 and advance it to Final Reading. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have felt for a long time there could be something positive accomplished out of a study for higher education. You are very much aware, I think, of my concerns about how we are proceeding with this study. Regardless of how much I might disagree with the decisions you've made here today, I will continue to work with all of you, and specifically with Senator Withem, whose bill it is, to make sure that we get this study off to some kind of meaningful start. I would reiterate that I think it's very likely that the LB 160 portion will be found unconstitutional, nevertheless the severability clause is in there. It means we will continue with the study. So, putting that aside, is the