

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I know we're...I just arrived this morning and I'm out of breath, I apologize for that but I encourage you to listen up because this is a little different than most of the amendments we've been talking about. For one, it's an amendment that is not spending money for once. The amendment is talking about actually a General Fund decrease. That is the first thing unusual about it and, two, is it is probably a little more exciting than some things and we're talking about the whole issue of Kearney State and we're talking about what the tuition should be out there. Now if you remember on Select File debate, I talked, had a discussion with Senator Kristensen and asked him if he was aware of what the difference was in tuition at the University of Nebraska and Kearney State College. And much to my surprise, I'm not criticizing him for not, but he did not know that quite honestly. And I guess the more I thought of it, I thought that was part of the problem I had with the whole thing, is the whole Kearney State issue has become caught up in the issue of a name change and the glamour of a name change for Kearney State College. And I think all too often what has been forgotten in that is the one, the impact it has to the students and to the impact it has to the tuition of those students out there. And the fact of the matter is that I think if Kearney State is indeed different than the state colleges, like this body said with the passage of LB 247, and if indeed Kearney is already a university like the sponsors of the UN-K issue have repeatedly said, I think it's time we start talking about what the tuition should be. Because if Kearney is no longer like the state colleges, why on earth do you say that tuition has to be the same as the state colleges? And if Kearney is indeed a university and we're saying with LB 247, in my opinion, making a political decision, we're saying that Kearney is going to be part of the university, I think we should start talking about what the tuition rates should be of that area. And I think I'm having passed out to you, I'm having passed out to you the tuition rates in Kearney, well compared to what this amendment will do. And as I pointed out on General File, let's look first at graduate tuition rates. You know, in '88-89 the graduate tuition rate per credit hour at Kearney State and the state colleges was \$38.50. The graduate tuition rate at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, was \$56.50 per credit hour and the graduate rate per credit hour at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln was \$64.50, twice, twice what the tuition per credit hour is at Kearney. And now as you look at this, you