

many students as possible. This does, of course, raise questions about what role would Kearney play in the university system and how would we then compare differential tuition rates. For those of you that are unaware of it, we do now have a differential tuition rate at UN-O, I believe it's 5 percent less than what we now charge at UN-L and then we start to drop those down at the state colleges. That is obviously a point for debate, if you move Kearney into that other system, what should you do with tuition? It seems to me that probably some increase is appropriate but I don't think that is appropriate right now, but I think perhaps this is a useful debate, Scott, just to get people to start thinking in that direction. But I would suggest that probably a lot of students choose to go to Kearney down here rather than UN-L because of tuition issues probably. The schools aren't that far apart and there are probably a lot of things that might draw you to a larger university except for the more personalized nature of a campus that is relatively small, namely the size of Kearney and relatively reasonable tuition. I guess I can't resist getting my last final licks in again and I still think it's going to be found that that provision of 247 currently is going to be found unconstitutional and if we do that, then we've stuck Kearney with paying the price of being something that this body will still have to resolve probably through a constitutional amendment at some point. So I think it's worthwhile we talk about these issues, but it's obviously premature at this point. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I think it should be pointed out that Senator Moore has been voting against the university status for Kearney State and this is probably another ploy to give us trouble. There are two points that I wish to make. Number one, Kearney State College students are now paying 38 percent of the total cost for their education. This is the highest of any of the colleges in the State of Nebraska. Chadron pays 24 percent. Peru pays 27 percent. Wayne pays 31 percent. The closest is UN-O at 35 percent. Also, the students at Kearney State have had a very hard time. They have had 110 percent increase in 15 years as of the beginning of last year. Last year they had a 9 percent increase and this year in the budget is a 5 percent increase. These students already have had taken quite a whack and they are students, 80 percent of them are on aid, about 80 percent of them work besides their state aid. Until the time comes when