

event and perhaps if Senator Scofield is correct, that there would be a constitutional question with the legislation should it be enacted, then it may be longer than that but in any event it does not take place now. When you look at the comparison of the tuition of the peer groups and there was different peer groups for each of the state colleges which had been pointed out to you, the study done by NCHEMS last summer. If you assumed, if you assumed that these peer groups were increased at Kearney with their comparison group by what is proposed by Senator Moore to occur at Kearney and if you had a 5 percent increase at each of those peer groups in addition, by the end of the two-year period Kearney tuition would actually be 4 percent above the peer group average rather than below it as it is now. What is true is that all of the peer groups that was used for their study, Chadron was roughly 11 percent below, Kearney was 11.8, Peru was 17 percent and Wayne was 8 percent below their peer groups for tuition. But I hasten to add that under the proposed amendment to the appropriation, not amendment, but proposed budget in the Appropriations bill, why it is assumed a 5 percent increase in tuition at each of those institutions and depending upon what occurs at their peer group institutions, Nebraska state college tuition would be quite comparable to these other institutions if they make no raise. If they make some raise we'll have to look at it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: But I think the balance that is currently proposed in the budget bill for the relationship is within the range that we try to maintain between institutions and certainly should the...any of the status of those institutions change in the future, some other change in tuition may be appropriate, but as of now I think they are reasonable and ought to be maintained as is proposed. There has been concern and the sheet that was passed out indicates that the graduate degree tuitions are probably a little on the low side, only a couple dollar differential between undergraduate and graduate at the state colleges but on the other hand it constitutes something less than 10 per...probably around 10 percent of their tuition collection so it's not that significant but that is an area that has been called to their attention in the past and I think they will probably tend to address...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.