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number of faculty. Doesn't indeed this have something...(interruption)

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, it does, yes, it does.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...to do with the amount of tuition towards the amount of General Funds we give? And what you would like to do with this amendment is not only raise tuition but you're taking away General Funds too, aren't you?

SENATOR MOORE: That's the way this amendment reads. I'd be open to changing that.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And so we're not only just talking about raising the cost to students, but we're talking about taking away general monies from the whole institution. It's the most underfunded institution in the state right now. Isn't that right?

SENATOR MOORE: That's the way this amendment reads, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. And, in fact, many of these students are from your district because I believe Kearney is the only institution in the state that takes to your students, courses. Isn't that right too?

SENATOR MOORE: Only public institution.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The only public institution, right. That's true, isn't it?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: That I'm aware of, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. I guess what really this points out is the motive behind all this because it's designed to raise the tuition and yet take away General Fund monies. You know it wouldn't be so bad if we just raised tuition sometimes, but no, no, we're going to go and take away General Fund monies and punish these students and actually what Senator Moore is doing is punishing the very people that are his constituents and yours and mine. And if you don't like the Kearney issue it's one