

thing to vote against it and to do those things. It's another to lay that burden onto the students and away from the institution. I think it's very important that we understand that Kearney knows sooner or later, once they become a university, that there may, may have to be tuition increases. But this is a good forum to talk about raising tuition and if we don't like what has been going on it's our chance to kick a little bit about it, but what it really does is it punishes students and it punishes them rather hard. As Senator Warner and Senator Langford have pointed out, Kearney is paying proportionately more tuition for their tax dollars than any other student for their education, public education in this state. And what this would do is drastically change that and put a higher burden on those students and I'm sure that Senator Moore has other amendments in his pockets that may just raise the tuition and so on, but it's certainly premature and the motive is clear it's another effort to open up the issue of Kearney and I think in maybe two or three years, if Senator Moore is reelected, that we can come back and talk about tuition increases. So with that, I would urge us to defeat the Moore amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members, I'll be very brief. I just want to advise Senator Moore, I think he's on the right track and this is a good idea. The time is not here yet and when the time comes this would be appropriate. It's probably appropriate to discuss this subject at this time, but I believe at this time the figures are somewhat arbitrary, if not premature and I...but on the other hand, I know we're going to have to look at this in time. When that time comes we'll do it and perhaps in your wisdom you'll withdraw this amendment at an appropriate time after it is appropriately discussed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, Senator Withem on deck.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I do not concede that Kearney State is a university. If and when it comes into the university system it will be part of that university system, but I do think that Senator Moore is premature as others have said. But I think it's all right to discuss this this morning because there is a feeling in the City of Kearney that this is...the change will be an injection into