

their economic climate and I'm not sure that's true. I think it's going to take a long time after the fact for the degree programs to be worked out, for all of the things that go into making it part of the university system be worked out before perhaps they will feel that it has done anything for Kearney economically. And I also think it's good to talk about the tuition because if you are part of a university system, then the face of your school changes and it is...it may be a fact that all of us will have to face eventually that tuition will go up at Kearney. I do have one question for Senator Moore because I think maybe I've missed something here and I went back and looked at 813, I'm still...I just want to be sure, Senator Moore. All of these figures are assumed in the budget and so on, and your figures are assumed. Who actually sets tuition? This is my question. Who actually sets tuition at each school? Who...

SENATOR MOORE: Actually, the Board of Regents sets tuition at the university and the State College board...(inaudible)

SENATOR CROSBY: That's what I...yeah, okay.

SENATOR MOORE: ...tuition, but to achieve the budget number that is contained in 813, if you decrease General Fund, there has to be a corresponding increase in tuition...(inaudible)

SENATOR CROSBY: I understand, but you're sending along a message or whatever to the regents and to the state college boards. I'll probably vote against your amendment simply because I do think it's premature, but I thank you for bringing it up this morning. As I said before, I think it was good to talk about it and look ahead to some of the things that all of us will have to face. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I'd call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem moves the previous question. Five hands I do see. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate now close? Record.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does not cease, and while the