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Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 97. (See page 1078 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. Clerk, anything for the record. Senator Hall, would you care to discuss the Moore amendment, followed by Senators Conway, Warner, Korshoj and Langford.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Moore, would you respond to a question or two?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR HALL: Scotty, what is the...now, can you explain the amendment to me? I was walking in as you were discussing it and I apologize for that, but my understanding is that not only would you increase the salary, the cost...excuse me, the tuition per hour, but there would be a correlating reduction in the General Fund support?

SENATOR MOORE: The Legislature does not directly set tuition. What the amendment does is decrease the General Fund expenditure, the General fund appropriation, and so you'd have to have a corresponding increase in the Cash Fund to raise tuition, yes. So that is what this amendment does.

SENATOR HALL: So in other words what we're doing is then, I guess in effect, throwing out of whack a little farther the Cash Fund versus General Fund?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, so that...in essence that's how we force them into a tuition increase. Okay, thank you. Mr. President and members, I agree on I think on concept with what Senator Moore is doing although I understand the issue of concern that he raises with regard to having Kearney State become a university. I think that that is something that I've always supported as Senator Kristensen has said on numerous occasions, basically, in spite of what has taken place or what hasn't taken place here in the Legislature, they have become a university. I also think though that if we're going to move to the situation where the tuition would come near to what is being paid at UN-O or peer universities, then there should also be General Fund support that correlates as well. The problem I have with Senator Moore's amendment at this time is that it does not provide for that. If we were to increase the General Fund