

support of Kearney State I could very easily support the Moore amendment that would increase the tuition at that university because I think that that only makes sense. There will be increased costs and increased needs over and above the current budget in years to come and I think we will find ourselves very likely in the situation that will require a tuition increase. At this point in time though, although I clearly understand and appreciate Senator Moore's stand, the fact that we will be further separating the General Fund versus Cash Fund that currently is in place for Kearney State, widening that gap instead of closing it which I think is the appropriate way to move, I can't support it at this time although I clearly feel that an increase in the tuition down the road that has a correlating increase in the General Fund side of the ledger sheet is good policy and we should move toward a higher funding at that institution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: I'd like to call the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Moore, if the house would come to order, you'd like to close perhaps?

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Chambers, thank you very much for making exactly the point I wanted to make. We're already the University of Nebraska at Kearney. It's a done deal, it's going to happen. We all know that. Let's look at Ernie's shirt. Now Senator Scofield already makes a good point. We need to study this before we do it. And at least Senator Scofield is consistent when she said the same thing on 247. I mean, we probably should study that program too in my opinion but we're not waiting for the study in 247. We're doing it. Now Senator Langford and Senator Kristensen, now if there were some senators in here that have turf to protect, introduce an amendment, you make the acquisitions. Now I sit right between Kearney and Lincoln and I've never been one that has been accused of carrying water to the university. I'm certainly not doing it now. I'm just sitting here, I'm between here