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obligation, other than their operating costs, and those are always contained in with the information and the basis for the appropriation. But I would urge that this particular facility, every justification for it has been made on their space requirements. It will meet some very critical needs. The study on the part of higher education is not going to change the need of the current facility at Kearney. I would hope that we would not withdraw the approval for this particular construction project.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, please, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I would call the question, please.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'd like to give my closing time to Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Just a brief comment on Senator Warner's comments. Respectfully, I disagree somewhat. Number one, the study, a comprehensive study was done by the community colleges over a period of years, and that was the creation of LB 770. In fact, LB 770 was a multimillion dollar plan that would do all of the library inefficiencies and deficiencies that are now within the state college systems and would have been the futuristic look at what our library system needed to be. We then simply said in the committee hearing on LB 770, and there was a hearing, and the hearing was designed to give the committee the information that the study had obtained. They said we needed to have...we realize we cannot fund the entire project, we would like to fund phase one. And at that point phase one was about \$2 million. So we could not be totally certain because the bids had not been received yet. About two weeks ago the bids were received, and