

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Kristensen, punishment. I'm not punishing no one, and you know it. By your choice and by the people in Kearney's choice, they want university status and tuition is going to go up. And we can postpone that and obviously when you are in Kearney you want to postpone that as long as you can. But I'm thinking it is unfair to do that. We made a policy decision that Kearney is going to be a university. I think it is...I don't mean to punish them, I'm just saying let's face reality. I don't want to postpone reality any longer. If that is punishment in your opinion, that is your opinion, not mine. Now this is a very...I offered this amendment very seriously. For one, I want to see, in my opinion once again, the hypocrisy of the body by doing one thing in 247 and doing another thing here. That is my opinion, if you vote one way there and say no not yet on this, I have a problem with that. That is why I have introduced the amendment. Now, as far as...the fate on Kearney is probably sealed. I'll probably vote for university status for Kearney, when it comes around. The fact of the matter is this is just one of the decisions that needs to be made in concert with that, as well as what we are going to do with the state colleges, as well as what we are going to do about graduate programs all across the State of Nebraska. But the tuition is one thing we can talk about right now. Even though the supporters of Kearney want to ignore it, and want to postpone it as long as they can, in my amendment I introduced last time I withdrew was unreasonable. I'm the first to admit that. This amendment I think is very reasonable. We heard eight hours of debate why Kearney was not a college, we heard eight hours of debate why Kearney was a university. I'm not punishing the students, this body would not be punishing the students, but the fact of the matter is those students that are entering Kearney, come fall, are entering it under the pretense they are going to get a degree from the university and I think it is only fair that they start paying for that degree. With that I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the Moore amendment to LB 813 be adopted? Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record vote has been requested. Please vote if you care to vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President. (Vote appears on page 2430 of the Legislative Journal.)