

defeated soundly on trying to phase that tuition up now. This amendment, the way it's...the way it's written, basically, is just...it's intent language saying that by assuming this bill becomes law and assuming University of Nebraska-Kearney becomes a reality, it basically says it's the intent of the Legislature that by 1993, two years after that happens, the tuition at Kearney will be roughly 90 percent of that at the university. And that's a sizeable increase, but it basically takes all of the arguments against my other motions, the arguments that we're not a university yet, the arguments that we have to survive the court case, the argument that this is not happening yet, you know, till you get the name you don't have to play the game. It basically says and it recognizes in statute that we're going to send, you know, a clear-cut message on what we're going to do with tuition out there. The fact of the matter, yes, it's going to go up. This is roughly and this is just basically intent language and it basically recognizes that it's going to go up and we say that in the bill. I think that's important. It's something, I think, we've ignored, and the introducers of the bill...the introducers of the bill have basically tried to ignore and just let it go away, and I think it's a harmless amendment, basically says what I think is going to be reality, but it says it there, so the students at Kearney have an idea just how much it is Senator Kristensen is going to punish them when the University of Nebraska at Kearney becomes a reality and their tuition goes up. So I offer the motion for that discussion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Kristensen and Senator Langford.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Moore amendment, not because in concept that I don't think there will be a change in tuition at University at Kearney when it becomes part of the University of Nebraska system at Kearney, but because the way in which the bill is laid out, we have admittedly done somewhat of a unique situation here, but one which I think is justifiable. LB 247 is a bill to study higher education, keep that in mind, it's to look at our entire higher education system. We said, on General File, that as a part of that look of higher education system we ought to be doing one thing that we, as a Legislature, think is fairly obvious. We ought to take the largest of the state colleges, an institution that no longer belongs with the state colleges, and move that into the university system so that