

of appropriation for those programs. It was not our intent, as an Education Committee, to stop any current programs, we just did not want to see new programs authorized or carried forward. We suggested to the Grand Island people that they try to seek funding in the appropriations bill to provide for a continuation of those Kearney programs as they were currently offered at the Grand Island campus. I was given a copy of a statement made by President Martin Massengale, that appeared in the Lincoln Star on yesterday, in which Massengale said the fact that the Legislature's Appropriations Committee has put the money in the university budget shows the College Park has support from within the Legislature. The money has been earmarked by the Legislature, Massengale said, I think that would carry some significance from the Legislature to the Governor, he said. I guess my question, Senator Moore, is, do you view this \$71,000 appropriation as an endorsement of new programs, or simply the way some of us that suggested this approach meant it, and that is a continuation of current programs offered by the Kearney campus in Grand Island?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: The answer to your question, I believe, is no, I do not agree with...I would not say that this is a commitment towards College Park. It is simply the intention of the committee to recognize current off campus programs offered by Kearney, and recognize that the walnut facility is indeed perhaps a fire hazard, and we want to urge those off campus programs that Kearney is offering to continue. This is simply recognition that there has to be some new space rented for that. And so all this is a recognition of current programs offered by Kearney in Grand Island.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, and I would concur with that. I'm supportive of the \$71,000 appropriation with that understanding, that it is for continuing programs, and that if the president of the university system is attempting to...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...box the Legislature into positions he might like to see us take, I am not supportive of his position, and not particularly appreciative of the statement that he is making, that we feel...I feel this is still a decision that the Coordinating Commission should be making. And with that