

Moore, I look around...I look around the room and almost everyone of the Appropriations Committee people went to bat for Kearney and were helpful with Kearney's funding problems but it wasn't enough. And unless you get \$3 million, it's never going to be enough to even just tie for last. Now, when I go back to the campus at the University of Nebraska at Kearney the students are angry that they're going to have to pay the additional 10 percent. Well, I understand that. That's probably not a pleasant thing to do. But they're going to have to bear that burden and I think they're willing to bear it as long as we help bear our proportionate share of that as well. And if we're going to raise the tuition twice as much as we're going to raise it at any other campus in this state, for Kearney, then we at least ought to try to help get them some additional monies so they keep that match at 35 to 65 percent, because if you allow that to get any further out of kilter, you're going to start to choke off the institution. Yes, Kearney is the fastest growing institution in the state, has over 10,000 students. We've debated all those issues in prior years when we had the transition, but the transition is not the problem with underfunding. The transition didn't cause the underfunding. The underfunding has been here for a number of years. Senator Cudaback and I have asked that you place an additional \$250,000 for each of the next two years. The Appropriations Committee, I think Senator Robinson, you gave what, 300,000 or 350,000? Too much, he says, and then he laughs because he knows his conscience has tugged at him. But that's not...that's not the issue there. The Appropriations Committee has tried to help and address Kearney. For that, I am thankful and I appreciate that. But what we need to do is to try to keep the underscore of the fact that the university right now hasn't taken Kearney State into their system. The state college system has not done that either. They've basically let them go because they've got other needs and other things that they have to do. Senator Ashford brought up the fact of faculty salaries yesterday and about the real risks of Kearney and of UNO taking some real heavy hits and that's going to a lot depend on the president of the university because the state...the eyes of the State of Nebraska are going to be on the president of the university to see how he handles this and, quite frankly, there's a lot more risk in that faculty salaries than funding it across the board or at 90 percent because you're talking about the internal fiber of the university system and the internal fairness of that system, and I think that everybody on this floor is going to watch that decision on what that recommendation is going to be. I could go