

couple things at Kearney already and actually we've treated Kearney better than any other campus in the university system, as well as higher ed, because they need it. Senator Kristensen, you're right, but how much more can you go? You also got to think about the fact that the Appropriations Committee, as well as the body to date on what we've done, we've treated higher ed a lot better than the Governor did...

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ..to the tune of over 3 million dollars this year and 1.5 million next year, and we did that with 6 million dollars less to spend. Now, yes, these things are important, but where's it going to come from? Now, if you vote for these things, you ought not be voting to override the Governor's veto when they come back because they're going to come back. You know, even what we've done right now, you know, I was...did not like the Governor's tone in the letter he sent us the day we opened budget debate, but he was right. We stretched it to the limit and we brought the budget to the floor. By adding another million, million two, million four, million five on, it does...that's not a threat, it's a promise, he's going to veto it out. And I think instead of just loading it up and seeing what happens, we ought to be responsible, make our priorities. I think in this case, certainly with...I think the Kristensen amendment spawned the Ashford amendment and I can understand that, but we ought to say "no" to both of them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: And.... Time? Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Kristensen and Schmit. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I assume Senator Bernard-Stevens would like to wait so he can have another crack at this, but you know what I don't hear Senator Moore talking about is that the underfunding of Kearney wasn't real and that it wasn't needed, because the underfunding is seriously there and we could probably dredge up a whole ton of old arguments about the transition and so on and I assume that