

I'm going to hear at least one more speech defending the actions of the Appropriations Committee. I'm not up here beating on the Appropriations Committee at the moment. Now I think somebody else might do that, but I've got to tell you that, I mean, I recognize they've got a difficult position, but when you start to talk about prioritizing, Senator Moore said we've made the decision and we're going to get our back up and we're going to throw our little tantrum, we're going to rip that book up and we're going to throw it down and stomp up and down and say we've got to draw the line. Well, you know where that line's at. I know where it's at. The line's whatever 25 people in here say the line is and we'll live with that because that's what happens. The appropriations process is a difficult one. It involves choices, but the appropriations process isn't one full of cement and blocks and bricks and mortars where you build it all up and you hold the line. It's a matter of going through a process. Senator Moore goes through the process pretty well, but what you didn't hear him talking about was that the needs aren't there, 'cause there are serious underfunding needs at Kearney and you place that institution at risk every year you go on and you don't solve the problem. Kearney's going to be back next year because their needs aren't going to get any better. They're only going to get worse. We could sit and fight higher education all day. Senator Moore, thanks for your help in the appropriations process. We appreciate it. But Kearney needs your help and they need it bad. I'd ask you to adopt our amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, Senator Moore's eloquent speech in defense of the appropriation process falls on deaf ears insofar as I'm concerned. He talks about priorities and I would like to remind him that yesterday we refused to take 3.4 million out, we refused to take out 600,000, we refused to take a million dollars out of a real boondoggle for Department of Water Resources to provide attorneys and to provide fees for people who are just going to go out and generate work. I did not embarrass any member of the Appropriations Committee by asking them how the money had been spent in the past, but in visiting with Senator Moore, no one can tell me exactly what the money was spent for. No one can tell me what the money's going to be spent for in the future. He just dumps 3.4 million in the pot and tell them to have at it, and I'll guarantee you that they will have at it and they'll wallow around in it and much of