

shortchanging Kearney and I'm not going to sit here and try to defend that we've not done maybe all we could for Kearney in past years, but there was a variety of reasons for that. On the other hand, I mean, we're made out to be almost criminal for not giving more funding for Kearney. On the other hand, you know, does anybody ever point the finger at Kearney if space is that bad, if overcrowding is that bad, the fact that the teaching load is that bad, you know, is it almost criminal to keep letting people come in the door until you get more money? Yes, you ought to get more money, but in some ways you're almost...the criminal thing is you're bringing those kids in to give them an education and then you don't have the tools to do it. There's two way...more than one way to skin a cat there. Now Kearney is really a fine institution in this state, as is UNO, as is UNL. I mean I can't reiterate enough if money was an issue, we should even give them more. But, on the other hand, I think the time has come, the seventies and eighties are over, we can't just continue to pile on our budgets. We have to find a better way to spend money on higher education and it's certainly my hope and the speech that Senator Warner gave, and I hate to put all of our hope on the Coordinating Commission, maybe little or nothing will ever materialize there, but we're going to have to do a better job of spending our money. You can't just add to it. And, once again, this year particularly, if you're going to add to it, it comes out of something else, of some very important programs. And so that's the last I'm going to say. I rise to oppose both amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before we proceed with debate, I'd like to direct your attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Robinson are ten seventh and eighth grade students from St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington and their teacher, David Hobus. Would you please stand and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. I will now recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Crosby, Abboud and Byars. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I mentioned to Senator Kristensen yesterday or yesterday evening and again today that I feel like a torpedo that's gone through the countermeasures that were put out and I've lost my homing and I'm around searching and trying to find out what to home onto in regards to a position on this issue, and it's been very, very frustrating to me. At one point, I say to myself that I'm very, very pro higher education. I want to