

do as much as possible for higher education and the future education of our children. On the other side then I look at another argument saying as, being on Appropriations Committee, I'm from the western part of the state, there are certain entities that count on you for support. Well, certainly Kearney, being an orphan without a home at this particular point, certainly is doing so and has counted on some things. Then I look at my district and I look at what my district really has already given up for Kearney. At one point, some things in my particular district they've been asking through the university program since 1960 to get some things that we needed in the West Central Nebraska Research Development Station, and we finally got those this year for the first time. But out of the goodness of the hearts, and literally the goodness of the heart, they gave up 1.8 million dollars of that which they've been trying to get for so long. They said, okay, tell you what, we understand that more things need to be done; we'll sacrifice a part of a new building that we've been working on for a long time and use that money to help fund the expansion of Copeland Hall at Kearney. One point eight million dollars they've been fighting for for a long time, they gave that up to Kearney. I made the motion and that carried and they now have an expansion of Copeland Hall which is an expansion for classroom activity. Then I look at the additions that Senator Ashford wants to put on and Senator Kristensen wants to put on. They're both laudable. They're both good. They're both reasonable. They're both sound. But then I look at what happens at the end when we put these things on. Chances are probably that other things that they had within the budget, either this will be vetoed out or something else will, and I say what's the risk? What's worth doing? I don't know. I literally do not know. Is Kearney underfunded? Absolutely. Is Kearney trying to get up to minimum standards in regards to the university and how they make up as far as salaries, what have you? Absolutely. They're trying desperately to do so. Where I have a problem I think is on the 250,000 for Senator Kristensen, and even the 700,000. I think Senator Ashford is making the point at a good point. If we do something for Kearney, we should do the equal amount to UNO, and there should be a next amendment to the amendment saying now if you've done something for Kearney and UNO, we need to do something for UNL, and we voted yesterday not to do 3,000 extra dollars to help with faculty salaries and what have you. Voted not to do that. And I guess I question where, in fact, are we going as a body? Where do we draw the line? One of the things I think I could argue for, when we get to Senator