

Kristensen's amendment I will probably do so, where are the needs greater? And I ask myself if we're going to do 250,000 for Kearney or we're going to do 720,000, have either of the senators have any clue what actually will be done with the money, or are we just saying we want the money 'cause we're underfunded? Because the Appropriations Committee is very clear Kearney's major problem right now, there are major areas of concern, faculty and support staff, number one, space, number two, and that's very close between one and two. Because if you add on faculty and support staff, but you don't have the space, it doesn't do a lot of good. There's only so many restrooms that can be turned into an office. If you do space, you have to wait for the space before you can put the faculty and staff. The...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..Appropriations Committee basically said, we understand the space problem is critical, we've got to give you some more room. We also added in 300,050 dollars the first year and 700,000 dollars or so the second year of the biennium because we understood the special things that were being asked of Kearney, particularly on the tuition side. And so I would hope that Senator Ashford and Senator Kristensen, when they speak on their amendments, might be curious, it might be enlightening to the body at least so if we're going to agree upon it we know, A., what the money is going for, what are we going to get, because I'll clue you the amount of monies they're talking about with the amount of problem out there in higher education, this money is meaningless except as a token gesture. I would really like to know what we're going to gain...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..and if I'm sold on that I can vote for it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'm going to say two or three things just in a little different way perhaps about the idea of this money, but I do echo what Senator Bernard-Stevens said, as I think that it's a gesture at this stage of the game. First, to go back in the history a little