

state, because we have so many people that do go to Kearney State, the University of Nebraska at Kearney. I guess I would make a distinction then and put on my parochial hat for just a minute, and my parochial hat would say that I would hope the Legislature would consider the following. One of the fears that I had is when you begin offering an amendment, that Senator Kristensen has done, is that within a system you're going to get a "me tooism" and UNO is going to say, gee, if we do that for one, me too, and pretty soon the Medical Center might say, well, me too, and UNL will say, well, me too, and so on and it's going to be we treat everyone the same or we don't. And that's fine if everyone is in the same boat, but what I'd hope that the body would listen to or at least think about before they make this particular vote is that Kearney, at this particular point, is not in the same boat as everyone else; that the University at Kearney has, as Senator Kristensen said, is somewhat of an orphan without a home. It really hasn't been supported by the state college system because the State College Board knew that it was not going to be a part of the State College Board, so some of the things that would have been done this year under the College Board were not. They're newly into the university system and certainly there's time before they will really get integrated within that particular system. I would say that I would ask that the body would do the following. There are two areas at Kearney that are desperately below anything within the university system. That would be faculty and support staff and space. The 250,000 dollars in this particular time would be money that would...could be spent to bring them on a playing field that hopefully from now and forever they would be able to play at least the same game with everyone else within the system, and I would urge that the body seriously consider the adoption of the Kristensen amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Kristensen, we have no other people wishing to speak on the issue, so if you would close.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Where's Senator Moore at? Senator Moore, I'm really sorry. I didn't mean to break it and I'm going to patch it up here real quick, if I can, for you, and, you know, I know we shouldn't have done that. We probably shouldn't have put that amendment out there or done any of that, and if you can find your way to get it back in your book, I'd really be glad. And here, it's the best I could do, but it's like the rest of your budget--it isn't going