

final thought with you on Kearney is they have needs, they are in a different position. You were the "Board of Regents" and I would hope that you could do a little bit for them in that manner. Senator Ashford, I'd like to give him the last minute of my closing. Thank you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. As I said at the beginning of this discussion, I support the Kearney amendment and I intend to vote for it even though the UNO amendment failed. I think that, as I mentioned yesterday and again today, we need to make a commitment in this body to higher education. We need to send a message to the Board of Regents to tell them and to the President of this university to give us direction on what it's doing in the area of university salaries.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Everybody's in this together except, in my opinion, we're not getting the clear signals that we need from the university to make an appropriate allocation of funds from this body, and I don't think there's any particular reason to vote against this Kearney measure because it doesn't include Omaha at this point. I would hope maybe the Lincoln senators would...one of the Lincoln senators that voted no would reconsider and we could take up this issue further, but I doubt if it will happen at this late stage, but I am saying, would say that I do support Senator Kristensen, as I said I would at the beginning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. We will now vote on the Kristensen amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Kristensen amendment? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I'd ask for a call of the house and roll call vote please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Have a motion for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to go 'under call.

PRESIDENT MOUL: House is under call. All unexcused senators please return to the Chambers and record their presence. All