

to work. It ain't going to hold together. You can use smoke and mirrors all you want to. Twenty-five votes are 25 votes, Senator Moore. You got 21 on the last one and it won. What are the facts? The facts are the Appropriations Committee increased tuition at Kearney State by 10 percent, twice as much as everyone else in the state, twice as much as everyone else in the state. Now is that right? Yes, it's okay. It's okay if the state picks up their share of the burden as well. The Appropriations Committee has taken a step and I think Senator Bernard-Stevens is absolutely right. You know, the committee did what they could but at some point they've got to say, look, we've got to deal with everybody. We can't...we can't, I mean, as much as we'd like to, we'd like to go out and give everything that Kearney needs and give it to them at once, but we can't do that. We've kind of got to treat everybody with some evenhandedness and some fairness to do that sort of thing, but if you want to do those things on the floor, go ahead. Well, that's what we're here doing and it is a token. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars isn't going to save University of Nebraska at Kearney. They aren't going to die if they don't get it. But it's one more chip and it's one more shot that goes down and it's one less year. And the play-off that occurs, we heard it this morning and it really is--you know, if you just had the space, you could put those faculty members in. So you go over and argue for space and you say, well, look, you know, you've got all these other needs so you need the faculty members first before you can get the space, so we'll give you some space. We'll give you a little space. We'll give you a little here. And at this point in time, the best thing I can ask for you and tell you to do is that if this is a gesture and if this is a token, then let's do that. Let's send that message to Kearney that we recognize they have the underfunding needs, and if 3 million dollars is what they needed to tie for last, this is an additional 250,000 dollars. Maybe I didn't ask for enough. But as I look at it at the end, Senator Moore, every time I've had a debate I've learned such great things about you. Let's see, this time you wrote bad checks. The last time we debated the driver's license you flunked driver's ed three times. The time before that you either wrecked or blew up the first five cars you ever owned. You know, I can hardly wait for next time we do this. I...at this point, you know, I don't know that I want to risk having Senator Moore stand up and talk about any more cuts in the budget so I would close and would ask and I...'cause Senator Ashford would like a minute and I will give him that time at the end to do that, Senator Ashford, but my