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CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays and 12 not voting.

SPEAKER: Motion is adopted. Motion on the desk, the Clerk will read.

CLERK: Read Warner motion.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The reason that I offer the amendment it seems to me that in view of the letter that the Attorney General wrote relative to some of the amendments that have already been adopted, amendments that were intended in design to attempt to bring some coordination of these schools when they are going to be state funded at the level they are, that more time is needed to work this out. It seems to me that were establishing six separate systems that will be competing again for students, courses, and state money. There is not going to be an overall policy or plan that will have any effect for a method of distributing the state money. This seems to be a bounty system type of thing which in itself encourages itself the providing of courses of the lowest cost rather than true vocational educational courses which should be the principle purpose of this bill. However, there is no damage done. The schools can continue to operate as they are now, to proceed with 344 would be to ignore the fundamental question, what is the proper role for each of the post secondary institutions that are in Nebraska and I would hope that the bill could be carried over where it is until the Legislature can come back with an overall policy for post secondary education. We can set up a system which will be within the tax payers ability to pay, and yet provide quality education and be of access to students appropriately throughout the state.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to have to oppose my very good friend Senator Warner. I feel that we have put an awful lot of work into this bill, the legislature has to make a decision sooner or later and we had just as well make it this year as next. I believe that it is a workable bill. The Attorney General has said that we can take off the four amendments that we took off this afternoon, he felt that he could without question support the constitutionality of the bill. I feel that were at this point now and we had just as well proceed with the decision. I have told my story and I'm not going to talk a lot more. I think that I will just push my button. I feel that we have a bill here that at least I want and I am sure that I have only one vote and my opinion is worth no more than the rest of yours, but I think that we have done three things here. We have provided for a down the middle of the road financing for these schools and we have