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LB 421, 257, 459

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows asked unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 421. (Refer to page 911).

PRESIDENT: So ordered.

CLERK: Senator Fowler asked unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 257. (Refer to page 911).

PRESIDENT: So ordered. We're on 459. Senator George.

CLERK: Read LB 459. There are committee amendments Mr. President by Senator Frank Lewis' Education Committee.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, LB 459, just to make that slight correction, is an Education Committee bill. Senator Warner will handle the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments do two or three things. The first committee amendment appears on page 3, line 5 strikes the words "and approval". Section 1 of the bill deals with a general intent section of the Legislature that the purpose of the entire act is for state-wide program and planning in delivery of quality post-secondary education. Another one is budget analysis and approval in order to recognize state-wide impact of resource limitations. The approval is being stricken, actually it's inappropriate; approval in the following line is appropriate and that's where it occurs. The second committee amendment is relative to page 6, in Section 9, does in the bill it requires a reporting mechanism on the part of postsecondary educational institutions which have some type of foundations. What it would be required by the amendment and what is intended to be required by the section is that if an institution has a foundation and attempts to use foundation funds to establish new programs, they are not authorized by the statutory role and mission of the institution for which money, if it's a state institution, was not authorized and appropriated by the Legislature would at least alert the Legislature that those kinds of funds were used for that purpose. The intent of that section is to prohibit and restrict institutions from doing that. The amendment clarifies it. Then when you get the third amendment is to strike Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the bill. These were included in the bill. Those of you that were here when LB 344 establishing the tech schools was established would recall in that legislation there was a coordinating board among the tech colleges established in the bill at the state level. That particular coordinating board has not been in existence as far as funding has occurred since last year. It serves no purpose; as a bill is drafted the responsibilities of that tech college coordinating board was given to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education which was LB 579 of the last session. That was not the intent. The intent was to abolish it entirely. It's not needed. So those three sections of the bill as drafted are stricken by the third committee amendment. The next committee amendment which is the new Section 11, 12 is the same contents that are contained in LB 448 which was introduced by Senator Luedtke at the request of the Governor. What LB 448 did, 488 excuse me, what it did or does is change some of the requirements for reporting times for the tech