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colleges and it was a matter of convenience to insert it here as well as in LB 488. I understand there's no objection on any parts...it's non-controversial bill, that portion of the bill be put in here. Mr. President, do you want me to explain the entire bill or can we adopt the committee amendments then I'll be glad to explain the entire bill.

PRESIDENT: Alright, thank you. Any further comment on the committee amendments? That's the question before us. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, Mr. President, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the bill as a whole essentially establishes a, by statute, a committee of the Legislature composed similar to what existed in the Legislative Study Resolution 36 of this last interim period. It establishes by statute a committee composed of the chairman of the Education, the chairman of the Appropriation, plus two senators from each of the three congressional districts or a total of eight members of the committee. The principal reason for introducing this as legislation as opposed to a study resolution to continue is that it was the feeling of some of us or all of us on the committee that if successful coordination of postsecondary education was to occur as proposed under this bill, that there needed to be an expression by statute of the Legislature as a matter of policy direction to the postsecondary educational institutions that we did expect effective coordination to take place. Everything that this committee does or recommend will come back to the Legislature in the 1978 session in the form of new role and missions or revised role and missions for the state colleges, the University, and the community technical colleges just as a role and mission is now established by law; only the Legislature can revise those role and missions in this... Anything that this committee does will come back as a former recommendation for the committee to adopt...for the Legislature to adopt or reject. In addition the bill as drafted will require the committee to be disbanded in July of 1978 and there is no need for it as a matter of fact after that date. The statute carries out a variety of kind of a date format, time format that this is all to be accomplished, the kinds of things that are appropriate for consideration in the development of an effective coordination system. In addition, I've already indicated the reporting requirement for foundations and in addition it does redefine some of the responsibilities of the LB 579 that was passed last session, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. It primarily puts them, the uniform data system that they are developing, some of the other things that they have the responsibility to develop...the old law said develop and implement. This will reduce that to development so that it can be approved by the Legislature and not require or not permit them to go ahead and implement those without prior Legislative approval. There will be a resolution that follows this that is LR 8 on your sheet which goes into more detail as to the functioning of this committee over the next 12 months with more specific time tables for its implementation. Briefly, let me just say this, it's my feeling that coordination has two aspects that is between post-secondary education. One is a matter of policy; the other aspect of coordination is more of an administrative nature.

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