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Those items of coordination which are more administrative or executive in nature are given through this Postsecondary Coordinating Commission. With those matters such that are policy at nature, such as the role and mission that each of the various institutions have, that in my opinion, is a legislative responsibility. For that reason, it is appropriate for the Legislature accepts and develops the types of role and missions. To give you another brief explanation of what I expect to see happen, primarily the purpose of coordination is remove unnecessary duplication, understanding there is also necessary duplication. I would anticipate that this would primarily be accomplished by certain prohibitions, certain types of institutions will not be permitted to do. Also the bill, not the bill but the study, will also no doubt develop changes in budget procedure so that effective coordination can continue through the budget process as new programs are developed. Mr. President, I'd be glad to answer any questions on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We have an A bill with that, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, do you want me to move the A bill? It's not in the books.

PRESIDENT: We'll get it out of the way, might as well move it across.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 459A was just introduced on this day. It has not been printed and it is not available in your Bill Book. It is introduced by Senator Warner. Read LB 459A. There are no amendments.

PRESIDENT: We can move this, unless someone objects to the fact that it's not printed on the consent calendar.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, if I could, I intentionally put up an A bill. If I could take a moment to explain why. It has nothing to do with LB 459. I've had a concern in the last few days as I'm learning my present assignment that occasionally there are bills which may have a cost of under \$50,000. They can have a substantial impact upon the agency because of...even though it's \$5,000, \$7,000, \$8,000, or \$10,000 that the agency only has a \$100,000 budget, there's no way they're going to absorb it. I've seen in the Appropriations hearings a couple of times as other members have now requests for increases in appropriations for this year by virtue of a bill that was passed last session, but was less than \$50,000; it was not absorbed. As long as this is the bill I have responsibility for and there is no way that this \$30,000 could be absorbed by the agency, I felt I may as well start with myself as a policy to introduce A bills where additional funds were to be required and there was no way for the agency to absorb the cost. The bill introduced is \$30,000. That's the same amount approximately the same amount that the agency which is the Postsecondary Commission put into their budget request. The A bill will take it out of their budget request and this will fund the activity. I should suggest to you also, I will have an amend-