

LR 237. And before we proceed to the next item, I would like to introduce a guest to the Legislature. We have with us this morning, we have Stacie Fallon who is with the Council of State Governments, and she is under the south balcony. Would you stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. We will proceed to Item 5 on the agenda, the confirmation report of the Education Committee.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem, as Chair of the Education Committee, offered a report, found on page 620 of the Journal regarding appointments to the Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, because of the absence of Senator Withem, Chairman, and Senator Dierks, Vice-Chairman, I was asked to move the adoption of this confirmation that includes part of the individuals who have been named to the Coordinating Commission that was enacted last session. I should report that the necessary papers for those that are...asked...you are asked to confirm this morning have been filed. I think the general consensus of the Education Committee is that each of the members were well qualified, certainly as a group were well qualified. It was one of the longer confirmation hearings at least that I've participated in, which there was extensive questions and discussions relative to the concept and the role and the responsibilities of the Coordinating Commission and some of the issues they will be dealing with. And I can certainly report, I believe, that most of us, if not all of us, felt that those responses from the people who did appear before the committee were certainly encouraging as to their understanding of what their role is to be, and the importance that the Coordinating Commission will play and can play in postsecondary education for the state. Unless there are comments relative to some specific individual, I'd move the adoption of the Education Committee report recommending the individuals named.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Anyone else wishing to speak to the confirmation report by the Education Committee? Seeing no one, Senator Warner, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now vote on the confirmation report of the Education Committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.