

ment, for example, needs to be accepted or rejected. I think, as the A bill...as the fiscal note indicates there is a cost which I know will be reduced or changed...well, be reduced, should the Committee amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh for what...your light is on. Do you wish to speak? Senator Murphy, the Chair is going to rule that we will consider...we're in the process of considering Committee amendments, and if there's any fiscal discussion on those amendments, it is in order, and then the Chair will put the vote to move the bill, and that will then give the fiscal staff opportunity to update and by updating we either reduce or increase the amount of the fiscal note. The Chair knows no other way to proceed in regard to this particular action.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. President, if I may, I do not want to argue too much with the concept Senator Warner proposed. Certainly an A bill can be as easily amended as the bill itself. However, I would accept the concept that the discussion proceed on the adoption of the Committee amendments, but I would object to the advancement of the bill from General File. This discussion and the adoption of the Committee amendments can be done, and the bill can be held on General File until that A bill does arrive. I would suggest that if we are not going to follow our rules that we amend them. I concur with the Chair's predisposition to discuss the Committee amendment at this time, but not to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, are you prepared to discuss the Committee amendments now?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: For those of you in the body who may not be familiar with the Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission, the genesis of it was 1202, which is a federal program that the governor of this state and Legislature saw fit to adopt and there were federal monies that helped to initiate it. The purpose of the Commission is to coordinate postsecondary education. A couple of years ago the body, and I was a part of it, put into place this Commission. It has members representing all segments of the postsecondary educational industry, not only just the...some of the educators, but basically private citizens appointed by the Governor. I think there are twelve members. As you can see