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because both of those are not in others and simply if they would like to come in that is fine. I envision that the ones that are normally going to be there, the ones that are normally going to be there are going to be our allies in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, probably Michigan, Indiana, Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I have several issues here but I think at this point in time I will stop but I would certainly answer questions as they come down the pike.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as you will notice in the bill book, I did not support the advancement of the bill so I thought it might be well if I would rise to state my concerns. I think primarily I am not convinced that the bill is needed. I certainly agree with Senator Lewis that we need the cooperation between states in regard to higher education as well as on other fronts. However, the University is certainly capable, all the other institutions of higher education I believe are capable of cooperating with institutions from other states. There is nothing that prohibits this. I do not see the necessity of creating a board that would primarily be formed to do this function which I think these institutions are very capable of handling on their own. Another objection I have to the bill is that as you will notice the states which are named range from here on east and Nebraska is one of the most westerly states in the group and it goes all the way to West Virginia. I submit that there are other states right here in our area and I will admit the Old West Regional group is one of those in which I am interested and you see Montana and Wyoming are not listed in the possible group that would be formed in this compact. So for those reasons I suggest that in all probability the bill is not needed. The cost at the outset is minimal. I submit that that will undoubtedly increase if this compact is formed as we go down the road. We see that happening all the time in other sort of super type boards that are established. I urge that this bill not be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to the next speaker, underneath the South balcony it is my privilege to introduce from the 14th Legislative District, which has something to do with Senator Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Peifer and Tim. Would you please stand so we may recognize you. If I didn't pronounce your last name right it is because Senator Fitzgerald didn't write it. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Kahle and then Senator Murphy. Senator Kahle.