

positive role for them to play, in fact, probably a leadership role, and as I read his language here I don't think we specifically spell that out, but I think for the record I'd like to give Senator Withem the rest of my time to expand on that. I personally believe that teachers colleges have a real contribution to make here and we should make every effort to involve them in the process and if he'd care to be more specific on that, I'd welcome those comments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: I'd hoped you'd push your light so you'd be specific about what we expected from them, but I will at least attempt to. One of my failings, I think, as Chair of the Education Committee is that I have not paid as much attention as I should to the role that teachers college should be performing in this area of education improvement. That's where the ideas on what is good education, whether failed education techniques should be residing, and it would be my hope that the education...the teachers colleges, public and private in out state, would view themselves as a resource for school districts to go to. We've included them within the advisory committees here that are established and they really do need to play a much more direct relationship with school districts that are seeking to bring about improvement and it's tough to say specifically what you'd expect them to do because this is not a specific bill. It's, you know, attempting to legislate some general sorts of goals for improvement and ask people to create their own plans to get there, but it certainly would be my hope that the teachers colleges would be intimately involved with this.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 183.

CLERK: Mr. President, 183 is on Select File. I do have, the first item are E & R amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 183.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.