

area is that transfer of credits, which is a totally different issue than duplication, transfer of credits at some institutions are approved at a department or college level where other institutions they may be accepted institutionwide no matter what college you transfer or what you...department you transfer into. But my understanding is that there probably is still room to make improvement, but the essential thing is that a student knows before he takes the course whether or not it will be transferable and that's the direction they are trying to identify.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you very much. I would give the remainder of my time to Senator Dierks, then if you have some time left over, please give it to Senator Schimek.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute and fifteen seconds.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I can't even say my name that quick. I've been perceived as one who was the fifth vote in Education Committee as far as getting this bill out. I'm not sure that is a true perception because I think there were several fifth votes in there. Just happened in the way that the vote was taken that I became the fifth vote. Number one thing I want to bring out is that I supported from day one the study that Senator Withem brought and the point that I wanted to make is that sometimes I think we've looked on the study as somewhat in a derisive attitude and I don't think that should happen. Senator Withem's studies, those that I have been involved with, the Education Committee studies that he has sponsored have all been very valid and very to the point and very successful, and I have complete confidence that a study such as he suggests in LB 247 will do the very same thing. It will be to the point, it will be valid and it will be successful. I just want to put that on the record that I do believe that a study would provide some of us who are having difficulty making this decision with the information we need to make a good knowledgeable experienced decision.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Matters for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 429