

April 7, 1989

LB 247

nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Do you have something else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend the bill. (Moore amendment appears on pages 1588-92 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, earlier this morning Senator Withem made mention of the fact that the day the whole Kearney State and LB 247 and Senator Scofield's bill was heard, there was another very well forth and very well thought out bill dealing...bill introduced by myself dealing with the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission, he is probably correct. That bill, what it would have done was an attempt to increase the duties and the power of the Coordinating Commission in the State of Nebraska, but actually the Coordinating Commission itself came in and opposed that bill because it changed the membership of it and for a variety of reasons that bill wasn't ready to go, but it really strikes at a...it's an issue I think we need to discuss a little bit. This amendment here that I have introduced to LB 247, what it does is change the name of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, simply strikes the referral to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission and calls it the Nebraska Data Center for Postsecondary Education in Nebraska. Now the reason I do this is because I think it's ridiculous to have on the books, we have on the books all of chapter...we have a whole bunch of Chapter 85, a whole bunch of pages about the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for higher education. Well, obviously, by our last vote there, you know...the only body in this state that probably does anything coordinating in higher education is this body here. I think it is somewhat of an insult to people in Nebraska to have this misnomer on the books, something called the Nebraska Coordinating Commission of higher education because they don't do anything. They simply can't do anything. They have no power. They are a toothless watchdog, as somebody described them. It's like having a French poodle with no teeth