

terms of, yes, I'll say it, marketing those institutions to our students. And I think the last thing we want to do is to have a student go across the state line and go somewhere else simply for no other reason than the fact that when they get a resume printed, when they graduate it will say university rather than state college. And many of those students who will be shopping for places to go to school, because of the tuition differential, will go to the state colleges, will continue to go to the state colleges. But I think you're denying them the clout that they deserve on their resumes if you don't let them make this name change. So I would offer this again as a way of keeping Nebraska current and keeping their students competitive in the job market with other students out there. And, again, I refer you to the map and refer you to the data enclosed in this pamphlet. Specifically you'll notice on the pamphlet, of the 277 state supported institutions of higher education that offer the baccalaureate but less than doctorate degrees, 200 are now designated universities, 208 are now designated as universities. That's 75 percent of all those schools. That change has happened over the last 20 years, whether you like it or not. And I've often said before it doesn't really matter much, I guess, how we might like to take certain words and treat them specially and give them special status. If the majority of the people in the United States are using those terms differently, then that simply serves to discriminate against students. I think that...and I started to talk about this earlier, the other thing that probably led to some of this confusion is in the old days technical community colleges were not called colleges, or if they were they were called junior colleges. But, again, that's been a natural evolution of what we call institutions. So I think it's...again there is plenty of rationale here for allowing these other three institutions to go ahead and call themselves state universities. It takes nothing away from the university system, and it does a lot for the students that remain there. So I would ask you in the interest of those students to go ahead and authorize this name change. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Discussion on the amendment. Senators Withem, Elmer and Warner. Senator Withem.

**SENATOR WITHEM:** Several points I would like to, or a couple of points I would like to raise on this. As Senator Scofield did indicate, this is basically LB 760, the Education Committee heard on the day that it heard LB 160 and LB 247. The committee had a great deal of difficulty deciding what it was going to do