

whole question of whether we have defined our goals as a body well enough to want to spend \$250,000 to bring in an outside consultant. I think there are a good many things that we need to look at. I am, of course, disappointed that you didn't want to suspend the rules and let the other three institutions change their name. I would suggest to Senator Elmer that I don't know of a single movie star out there who chooses to bill themselves as Elmer McGillicuddy (phonetic), and I think it does make a difference, it makes an important difference. And I think you should think about that again. As an interesting vote I can't figure out how anybody voted in most cases, and why they voted the way they did. But I think that's more important to students than you might realize, and that perhaps we should consider yet, before we finally act on this bill, whether that isn't in fact in the best interests of the students that are outside this current situation. I would refer you back again to my little map of what I called the Bermuda Triangle of higher education. My concern is for the people of the state as a whole, but particularly those people who live outside the Bermuda Triangle, and what their perception of all this might be, because I think the record of the university system of bringing needed services across the state could stand greatly to be improved. And I am all for coordination cooperation, but my experience as a Panhandle resident has been that it hasn't happened. And my belief today is that we have not gone far enough as far as assuring that that will happen. And perhaps a name change is important to bringing that about as to moving one institution. So, rather than stand here and slow up a bill that I think is destined to advance today, I simply throw out a few of those comments for you to think about. And I think we should, all of us think about how we want this study to proceed and to make it meaningful. I think it would be extremely unfortunate if we don't take a broad look at higher ed and try to get a coordination. Again, I would reiterate, state colleges and universities have received the majority of the attention in this debate. I would, once again, encourage all of us who are also concerned about what are we going to do with technical colleges to make sure that's an important part of it, and I think there are probably some opportunities for asking private institutions as well do you want to be a part of this. Could we, in fact, share resources with private institutions and do a better job, particularly in some of those expensive graduate level areas. So I think this still has some possibilities. I'm not wild, obviously, about the way it's been amended, but I guess today that I think it's probably going to advance. But I simply make