

not the medical school. That doesn't make a lot of sense to me. It seems to me if we're going to coordinate these institutions, they should all be under one Board of Regents. That is the basis of the amendment. I will be glad to comment on it further. I think it also should be adopted. Now, Senator Withem said that he was going to challenge the germaneness of this one. I would just make a couple of comments with respect to the germaneness and I appreciate the Chair's ruling on the first amendment and I think...I appreciate Senator Withem's comment that it did not amend any specific provisions of the committee amendments. However, with this one I think is a different type of amendment in that we are really talking about the composition of the boards of trustees, and if you look at the particular committee amendments, it talks about how the boards of trustees are going to be composed, their membership, their number and so on. So I think that this amendment that talks about how they...how the boards of trustees will be organized is particularly appropriate and relevant to this particular committee amendment. I would urge you to adopt this amendment. I think it is an appropriate one. I think it will simplify the process. It will continue the historical and organizational principles of having what was originally the University of Nebraska, that being UN-L and the Med Center, under one Board of Regents and would have a lot of advantages and benefits for coordinating and for governing higher education. And I would ask that you adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Well, I think in the interest of the body's time, rather than challenging the germaneness of these next two, even though I do think they are not germane, they are closer to being germane, particularly after, forget who it was but some member of this body, I think earlier this year, proposed a rule change to change our germaneness rules and whoever that was I don't know if he intended this sort of thing to happen or not, but I don't think I'm going to challenge the germaneness issue. I think what I'm going to do is just ask members of the body to not vote for this particular amendment to the committee amendments. What Senator McFarland's amendment does is it places the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center as one institution for purposes of this section. We have been operating with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a separate campus under the university system with the University of Nebraska Medical Center as another