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the entire state population is very naive at best. You could make the same argument for Kearney State and you could do it just based on the number of people that they serve from across the state, the students who come from every border, every corner of the state who go there because of the reputation they have. For example, in the past they were known as a teaching school, so was Peru State, and we don't sit and try to link those together to the UN-L campus as we do the Med Center in this case. And I appreciate the concern some people have for the drastic change that LR 239 makes in governance of higher education but to begin now to try to link some things and knit these interwoven pieces in the past back together, after we have, I think, successfully in 239 developed a proposal for higher education governance that could last far into the future, is a mistake. And I would urge you to reject Senator McFarland's amendment. I think it is ill placed in any form on 239CA. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I wanted to echo briefly what Senator Hall was saying and I, too, would say that though I would not be in favor of the amendment in any form at this particular point, the amendment is not a valid amendment to have on 239CA. When we get into the real crux of the matter, when we find out what it is exactly we're going to do, if 239 is agreed to by the body and subsequently by the people, then it's time to get in and find out how do we want the Board of Regents. Do we want the board of trustees the same number or do we want to have it by specific institutions? Do we want to combine? That will all take place on LB 1141 and that will also, by the way, really take place after the constitutional provision has been agreed upon by the public. If it's not agreed upon by the public, LB 1141 is kind of an exercise in futility with the exception of giving people an idea of what it might be like once it is agreed to. So I would hope that the amendment to the amendment would be withdrawn. If not, then I hope the body, even if you might favor the concept of the amendment, would vote it down simply because this type of amendment is not needed in a constitutional provision such as we have on 239, but it would be an appropriate one on LB 1141 when we really get into the guts of the material. Also, as kind of an aside, if Senator Warner is, by chance, excommunicated from the Lincoln delegation, I have heard one con