

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Withem, did you wish to speak about the resolution?

SENATOR WITHEM: I think not. I think I have made...perhaps if I would yield whatever opening time I'd have to Senator Warner, if he'd care to...I think we've had ample discussion so that people at least know what the bill is about at this point.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose LR 239. I just can't see that we're gaining anything with this new structuring system. And to create seven fiefdoms in this state just doesn't make a lot of sense to me. It just seems that we're not improving on the present system, and I think we're going in the opposite direction. This is a proposal that has gained a lot of steam, primarily I think because of events that have occurred over the last few months in this state. And I think that we should consider carefully before we do this. I don't think it's justified. I think we're going to have a less coordinated system than we have now. And we can do everything that is being done here by just giving the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education additional authority. We can do that, but we have not chosen to do that. But to have seven separate boards in this state just does not make a bit of sense to me, I'll oppose this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, I understand we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Moore has a motion to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: I withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to amend the bill. Senator, this is your AM2899. (McFarland amendment