

them. And they are going to cut down on the number of their boards to five, and they are going to have tiered kind of boards, tiered for the two-year school there will be a board, for the four-year state colleges there will be a board, and for several of the universities they'll each have a board. I don't know if this proves anything. But I think it should make us stop and think. I kind of wonder if it wouldn't be...if it wouldn't make more sense, instead of having all of these separate boards, the seven separate boards of trustees, if it wouldn't be better to have a board for the community colleges, a board for the state...the four-year state colleges, and a board for the universities. I don't know. I just...I'm not comfortable with this whole concept. And I guess I wish that we could take some time on this issue and maybe let it lie for the summer and come back next year, and perhaps when more of us have had time to think how this might work better. I have some other thoughts on some things that have already been talked about on the floor. Senator McFarland, I'm sorry...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Excuse me. I'm sorry that I could not support your last resolution regarding the board of regents power over the purse strings. I had very mixed emotions about it, and frankly didn't know how to vote on it, because it occurs to me that if we're truly going to have coordination then the board of regents should have that kind of power over the purse strings. On the other hand, that thought made me very uncomfortable because, again, once again referring back to my earlier remarks, I was afraid that some of the smaller schools would lose out under that kind of a system. Sure, there will be end runs, there already are end runs, but there are going to be a lot more, and they're going to be more parochial in nature. And I guess that does concern me. A last thought I guess I would leave with you is let's not...let's not go too fast on this. Let's take our time, and if we're not ready to make that decision yet this year, let's not make it. It's going to wait for another year, it's waited for a long time. I agree with Senator Withem and Senator Warner,...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that we do need something...we do need to do something about higher education coordination. And maybe this is the answer. I'm not convinced yet, I wish that somebody