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they cannot talk to me, they cannot visit about it. In fact, actually, I have had very little correspondence or very little concern from anyone visiting with me and I hope that I certainly am not throwing brickbats at them or anything like that. I don't think that is the case at all, but the...one of the comments was, this would never have happened if President Roskens was still with us. And I reassured the Board of Regents that this was certainly in the work or in the minds of lot of us a long time before the discussion or President Roskens came up. I hope that that fear somewhat was alienated or changed. So, basically, I have sat through a lot of hearings, I've sat through a lot of meetings. I simply do not want to do the wrong thing. Senator Lowell Johnson mentioned the college park proposal at Grand Island, Scottsbluff, somewhat near the same thing, or North Platte, or Norfolk. Business people are asking, and in our own case, 26 or 27 business people in the Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings community have taken this upon themselves to try to do something to provide better education and better education opportunities. As some of the testimony at the hearing, there are enough duties for each one of these board of trustees for the various colleges, and I think that hopefully there can be some people appointed that are very, very good, and I know they are out there and I know it is a job. The only opposition that I hear is that they should not be appointed, elected, and that is a pro and a con situation. So, in essence, I cannot find anyone excepting the Board of Regents that do not accept the plan or at least try to educate themselves more than what they are right now, and as I...I just cannot believe that someone is coming up with all the fears. Sure, we all resist change but sometimes change does turn out to be better. If I thought there was a better way to improve our present system and coordination and so on, I would be very, very interested or would hope that someone could, but as I see it now, this seems like the best plan to go. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Schimek and Senator McFarland. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to address a couple of...a couple of issues which have come up during the...during the discussion. Certainly the issue of appropriation of funds in the area of research and its related graduate programs is an important issue. In the enabling legislation when we get to LB 1141 and discuss that approach that is being proposed in connection with this constitutional