

what has been decried as a possible effect of the...of the changes that we're proposing in higher education, again, the message that you hear is by setting up seven separate campus boards of trustees you will encourage the process of people who don't get their individual priorities dealt with in the mainline budget finding other avenues to come to the Legislature. That is...will happen under the new proposal. It happens under this proposal. Frankly, it would happen under a super board sort of proposal. That's the way people function. And if you want to discourage end runs, you don't reward them. Anybody that's taken any psychology classes on learning, if you want to reinforce behavior, you reward it. If you want to extinguish behavior, stop behavior, then you don't reward it. If you vote in favor of the Coordsen amendment, you will be rewarding people that run end runs. You will be encouraging those people up at UN-O who maybe have a building project that they want to develop to come directly to the Legislature for it, those on the Lincoln campus who have things that they want done, those up in Wayne or Chadron or Peru. And regardless of what kind of structure you set up for the governance, it will happen if you continue to reward people that come directly to the Legislature making their request. I have nothing against this project. I'm sure it's a worthy project. I'm sure the state would benefit by it, but it's not one of those things that those people entrusted with the governance of the university have recommended as one of their major priorities. And until I can see firm recommendations that this not only a good project, there isn't a thing filed up there that's probably not a good project, but until I can see that this is not only a good project but more worthy of consideration than other things on the list, I'm not going to be supporting it. And that doesn't mean that this is a bad project. I'm sure it's a good project, it just has not come with the same priority status that others have. So I will not be supporting it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. Senator Schmit. Senator Coordsen, there are no other lights on. Would you care to close?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, first, a couple of comments vis a vis the university's budgeting process on this issue. All the campuses compete with what they think is important and then the list is developed from that. I think that the greenhouses' position as number 14 on the list of priorities is simply indicative of the general callous disregard