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membership from the technical community colleges and the independent colleges and universities on the Higher Education Commission cannot come from more than one member from any single area or any college board. And we restate in the...in LB 1141 what is already stated in the role and mission of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, that it is the premier statewide entity with primary responsibilities for postdoctor...postgraduate degrees. It is not exclusive and I don't believe it ever has been exclusive or met the perpetuity to be exclusive but restrengthens that statement that that is the role and mission of UNL. If you have any questions about the committee amendments, I would attempt to answer them.

PRESIDENT: We are now on the committee amendments and, Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. The first amendment to the committee amendments I have is offered by Senator McFarland. Senator, I have your AM2713 in front of me. It's on page 1225 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Yeah. This amendment is the one that was similar to the one I offered on the constitutional amendment. This amendment would direct that the funds, the funding requests that are...that are appropriated and approved by the Legislature be directed back through the Board of Regents for distribution to the seven institutions instead of having those funds directly appropriated from the Legislature to the institutions themselves. As you know, on the debate on LR 239CA I expressed several reservations about the entire process. I know that a tremendous amount of work has went into the process and I think senators should be appreciated for their work on the commission, Senator Withem, Senator Warner, Senator Barrett and all of their efforts in trying to get this legislation passed and trying to submit it to the people for a vote. And I don't think any of us are unaware or unappreciative of all their efforts. And though we may disagree with them, that doesn't mean that we do not appreciate all the time and dedication that has been spent on this effort because I agree with them, higher education and its governance and coordination need to be improved. The reservations I have about the system that is being proposed is, one, the first reservation is that I don't think we should have