

a system whereby the Legislature, in effect, is made the super board of regents and exercises so much power and control that we do not let the Board of Regents, the new Board of Regents effectively coordinate and govern the various institutions. The second concern I have is...I think we need to address the problem of parochialism. It seems to me we have a sufficient amount of parochialism in the legislative body and that's why I don't want to see the Legislature become a...somewhat be put in the position of being a super board of regents. I don't think the Board of Regents themselves should be a parochial body either. And, for that reason, I think if we're going to have a system like this, we should have it where the members of the Board of Regents are either elected on a statewide ballot or they have to be elected by all of the people of the state and be accountable to all the people of the state and not just the constituents of the district that they may represent. Or we need to have them all appointed by the Governor so that they can be somehow insulated, to a degree, from the parochial interests of the various institutions and the various parts of our state. The third thing is that I think we need to ensure that...the primary institutions granting graduate and professional degrees are the traditional institutions who have...who have served that purpose, those being the University of Nebraska here in Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I tried to ensure some of those things with amendments to the...that I proposed to the constitutional amendment. Those were all rejected. I still think those are...amendments are appropriate. This bill, itself, to me doesn't have a lot of impact. I mean, it's...it's certainly appropriate that it be introduced. It should give a guide as to the voters and the...and we senators who are considering the advancement of the constitutional amendment, but legislation can be changed at any time and we can enact this this year and next year the Legislature can see fit to change it again. I think if we...if we want to address the concerns that I have, we have to make those concerns addressed on a guaranteed basis and that's why I think if we're talking about deterring parochialism on a Board of Regents or creating an impetus that the primary graduate and professional degree institutions will be UNL and UN Med Center, and if we're trying to give authority and control to the Board of Regents, we really need to do that as a constitutional provision and we need to have those clauses contained in the constitutional amendment. I know we're running short on time here in the Legislature and rather than prolong the debate and deal with an issue that I think will be addressed again on Select File, for purposes of