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chancellors now is the correct title. They're in two separate cities. I am not convinced that there is a compelling need to change that. It would be one of the things that I'm sure once this new system is put in place the Board of Regents would be looking at. The Commission on Higher Education would be looking at whether these institutions ought to be functioning in a more cooperative fashion together, but I just don't think the case has been made that this particular change should be made so I would urge you not to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: I can tell nobody cares about this amendment, except you and I, I guess, Ron. Just you and me, kid, this morning. I guess the more important part of this amendment to me is the combination of the two campuses and I guess I'm not just ready to trust those nebulous boards out there that we're talking about now, to combine them. And I understand what Senator Withem is saying that probably they would take a look at that but that would take like how many years before we would actually be in place? So I still continue to say that the University of Nebraska Medical College and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, because of the research factor, which is always so important, because of all the grant money that's brought into the state and all of the people that it attracts, I think this is just extremely essential that we have these two boards combined. And I know it didn't go the other day on LR 239 but, you see, in 239 I'm not sure that it was relevant. It is relevant to 1141 because this is the implementation mechanism and this is the legislation that will bring all this to pass if indeed 239 is voted as law by the people, by the voters of the State of Nebraska. So, from that point of view, I don't want to belabor the point too much further but I don't see too many people on the floor so I would urge, if there is anyone else that would like to comment, I would like to hear your comments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Crosby, I think that it is not that nobody cares about this issue, it's that we did have a pretty lengthy discussion on it the other day. I would ask you, I would like to ask you a question on this amendment. Senator Crosby, would you consider dividing the question on this? Because you're really...you've