

body at the Board of Regents. One of the members that served on our commission was a member of that and it serves in an advisory function. I'm assuming, maybe Senator Warner would contradict me if I'm wrong, I won't ask him to speak otherwise, but I am assuming that when this Board of Trustees goes into effect that does have the governance authority that there would no longer be a voluntary advisory sort of board there. I wouldn't see any real function for it. So the fact that they already have a board there and it's functioning nicely, doesn't seem to be a terribly strong argument in favor of combining the two institutions that we're talking about, a different function from an advisory board that meets at the call of the chancellor to consider what is going on in the campus. We're talking about a board that would be vested with the authority to do certain governance functions that are outlined in the bill. So I don't think that's a good argument in favor of the Crosby amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, please, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR CROSBY: There is a Board of Governors, if I'm not using the right term. It is at the university hospital and I'm sure that there's physicians and other people on it who...you don't really use an advisory board to run a hospital. You do have to have some kind of professionalism and education to be aware of how to do that and how to plan and decision-making as to the operation of the hospital. So that's what I'm talking about. The other part I would like to bring to your attention again is that quite often, and most of the time when grants are applied for, for sponsored research work at UN-L and at the medical college, they're reported as two different institutional efforts and if this were combined, then it would make a difference when the total figures are offered to, for instance, the Carnegie Foundation and so on and we are not eligible often enough for those funds because of the fact that they are separated. The figures are separated between the two institutions. And even if...Senator Haberman said that what the University of Nebraska Lincoln teaches doesn't have anything to do with the medical college, of course it does. If you take a Bachelor of Science here at Lincoln and apply to the medical school, that makes a difference. And Hastings College, I'm sure, offers...and I know they take students from Kearney and so on, too. But the University of Nebraska Lincoln is the original land grant college and I do feel strongly that we need to keep one strong institution here, one on one side of the Platte, indeed, and one