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Board of Trustees, no more than it would make any sense, under the present system, to have the law school or the dental school under a separate Board of Trustees as well. And, for that reason, I think Senator Crosby's idea and concept is a good one and I think it is one way to try to ensure that the primary graduate education and research institutions in the state still remain as the University of Nebraska Lincoln and the Med Center in Omaha. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Goodrich, Senator Warner next.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in wholehearted enthusiastic opposition to the Crosby amendment. And it's really a discussion of what makes sense. In this particular case, the Med Center is so unique as far as its operation as it differs from UN-O or it differs from UN-L, it is completely unique in and of itself and it would just absolutely be a travesty to have...not have it have its own governance committee or board or trustees or whatever you call it. We'll determine what we call it later on in the session, I guess. But I would just say to the body that the Med Center is so unique in its operation that it should be separate and have its own board and, for that reason, I would wholeheartedly enthusiastically oppose this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner, followed by Senators Haberman and Crosby.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, two or three things I should say. Currently, the Med Center as we know it and, obviously, the other two institutions are under the Board of Regents. But currently the funding research money is reported separately as it is with one governing board. That's how it's done. I can only remember once several years ago where it was combined together in a study that was apparently attempted to compare the university with other institutions and in that one the researcher in that involved and some guy in the east combined them and gave a distorted picture that we lived with for a long time, but...because it kept coming back to us even though the author of that study 10 years or 15 years ago acknowledged it was not accurate later on. But, in any event, that's the way it's done now. Secondly, the dental college, nursing college, is now under the Med Center, not Lincoln. So that you should be aware of. But the whole concept in LB 239 and the implementation of 1141 is to encourage