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LR 239

CLERK: Mr. President, we now have before us the latter half of Senator Crosby's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, to the second part of the divided question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The second part is Section 4 of the amendment which simply inserts the...gives the appropriations back to the Regents. And the appropriations for the institutions shall be made to the Board of Regents for allocation to each institution. I think a case had been made earlier for this opportunity for the Legislature to appropriate the money and allow the Regents to allocate it to the institutions. If we end up with seven institutional boards, it does seem to me the Legislature is going to have a difficult time dealing with each individual one and bringing it all together on the floor and that the Regents is...or the Board of Trustees, whatever the Super Board is, is a logical place to take all the money and have them allocate it and have them deal with the institutional boards in the final...in the final analysis so I would urge you to vote for this. I won't belabor it much further because we had a long discussion about this the other day on LB...on LR 239. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the second Crosby amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Withem. (Gavel.)

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, again, I won't belabor it either other than to remind the body that this was rejected on LR 239 the other day. There are only seven campuses so it's not like it's a monumental task for the Legislature to send the dollars back on a campus specific basis. The idea of a Legislature abdicating its responsibility totally in such a fashion as to give a lump sum to a group of Regents with the responsibility of allocating that out as they see fit is I don't think the appropriate way to go. I would urge you to defeat the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Question, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That won't be necessary. Thank you. Senator