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Conway are very concerned about those. I don't know whether they are good or they are bad, or I don't know how they should function. I don't think we, as a Legislature, have the tools to do that. I think those students in Scottsbluff and in Grand Island and in Norfolk will be better off if we have a coordinating body, a Board of Regents, that has the ability to make some decisions about how these things will operate. So I do think the end beneficiaries of this program will be the students in our state. I think it is important that we make these changes and I would urge you to advance LB 1141.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, and members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Withem a question, if I may, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Withem, can one legislative session bind a new legislative session to a particular piece of legislation?

SENATOR WITHEM: We can't prevent a future legislative session from changing it. I mean, we can bind them in terms of passing legislation but we can't prevent them from changing legislation we pass.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So, what we are saying, in essence, I think, Senator Withem, is that we are trying to tell the citizens of Nebraska that if you pass LR 239CA, 1141, as it is going to be explained to the citizens, is how LR 239CA is going to play out. Would that be a reasonable statement?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, we are trying to give them an indication of what it would look like, yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I am a little leery, Senator Withem, of telling the citizens right now this is what is going to happen, but if there are some flaws or if we should make some changes, we can make them. Now I don't know how much emphasis is going to be put on that issue to tell citizens that it can and possibly will be changed. Now if the citizens vote in LR 239CA