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on coordination, and while we do that we will just continue to throw money, like I said last time, in a shotgun pattern out there, and all of us out there that go out an campaign will have, basically, ignored our constituents' wishes to try and do something to streamline state government. LR 239 is a step in that direction. I am against the bracket motion. I would like us to seriously discuss it this year.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I, too, want to make a few comments about LR 239CA, and in part it was kind of a..Senator Moore took some of the wind of what I was going to do because I, too, feel that part of the reason that LR 239CA has not gotten the kind of debate that was needed is because of LB 1059, and I think a lot of the same people who were very much involved and working through the LB 1059 process all the way, it drained a lot of their energies. And so, consequently, that when this bill would come up for discussion, there simply wasn't the typical coordination and the typical planning, kind of like what has happened in higher education at this point. It simply wasn't ready at that particular point in the debate, and the debate, then, got sidetracked, which we sometimes happens on the floor of the Legislature. Senator Johnson made an interesting comment, and I think Senator Scofield and others may have commented even a little bit more detailed on it, and I have heard it before. I think Senator Baack mentioned it before and other people have mentioned it before. They are saying I don't know if I am really supportive of the measure because so far in all the discussion I haven't heard how it is going to affect the quality of education for our children or for the college-aged student, sometimes the nontraditional student, obviously. And I think that type of discussion would be a good discussion, though I am not sure how appropriate it is to be quite honest with you. I remember having discussions with businesses concerning the product on how good a product was, particularly on LB 1059, for example. I know Senator Baack was involved in some of those discussions. We heard quite often from the Chamber and from other people of the...yeah, we are doing this thing on LB 1059 but we are not convinced that it is going to improve the quality of education, and until we are convinced of the quality of education on LB 1059, we are not sure we can buy into it. And I think most people on the LB 1059 team, if you wish, which would be about 32 senators, 34 at times, came to the conclusion that