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back and we fine tune LB 1141 and do what is necessary to get done. Boy, I don't think that you can lose on that scenario. I don't think you can lose, and I think it is one that we ought not fritter away. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Wesely and Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I won't take a long time but I want to make a couple of comments and indicate what I would, depending on what happens with this motion, what motions I would want to offer later. The one thing I do want to comment on, though, that the issue is that we ought to study things is one that comes up all the time. A couple of weeks ago I was looking through some of the boxes at home, if you think my office is bad you should see my boxes at home, and I came across this newspaper that looked rather interesting, and it was a whole page and it was all about the need for coordination and, as a matter of fact, it was quoting Dr. Varner as he left the university and what he thought ought to be done for higher education, and it was an excellent, thought-provoking article. And then I looked on the opposite side and there was an editorial in the same newspaper. Do you know what the editorial said? You can bet, let's not rush in too fast, let's study this awhile. That was 1974, what is that? Roughly, 16 years ago. Well, that's not very long. I mean we have been a state for a hundred and twenty, thirty years, what is 16, or 16 more? I will tell you what it is. It is just what Senator Moore said. You are going to...you know, most of the people opposing this, I guarantee you within five years, they are going to be back and say, that was really a mistake, wasn't it? We should have addressed that issue. We should have addressed that issue. Now what I propose to do, LB 1141 is the next bill up, if this is not bracketed. The only reason LB 1141 was introduced was to give some substance to the constitutional amendment so that the voters would have some idea of how it would be implemented, not necessarily to be enacted. In fact, it probably would have to be enacted again if the constitutional amendment was adopted in order to be effective. There is a disagreement about, but as Senator Goodrich indicated, I do, yes, I do have an amendment filed. And if, depending, I suspect either way with 239, if those who have amendments on LB 1141 withdraw them, I would like to quickly get to that amendment which gives constitutionally to the Coordinating Commission, composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor, all the power