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of coordination, which includes budgets, program review, long-range planning, just as was proposed for the new Board of Regents, all the things that, at least at the public hearing, and, of course, the subject has had a public hearing because this was suggested at the public hearing, and as we frequently do, as we all know in this body, we respond at public hearings to proposed changes to the legislation citizens have brought to us. And this concept, of course, was brought to us at the public hearing, and I would like to not take a lot of time on that, a vote up and down, and see how much support for that concept there might be for a single, coordinating, strong, constitutionally authorized commission. That is what it does. I suspect and I know doing that there is some hazard, obviously, because now we have two options and if you have two options, as was concerned with LB 1059 and LB 866, they both failed, and I understand that but I think the issue is so important that I would at least like to see where this body stands. Most certainly there ought to be a vote on that concept, and if it is turned down by the body, then that strengthens the need or the justification for 239 because there was another option looked at and which this body felt was not desirable.

PRESIDENT: One minute. Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Chambers. The question has been called, do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens for his closing.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. President, I withdraw my amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn. We are back to the Withem motion. Do you have anything on it, Mr. Clerk? Senator Withem, I guess we will be talking about your bracketing. There are other lights on, however.

SENATOR WITHEM: I will just wait until closing to speak, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Senator Chambers, please.