

coordination is necessary if what is before the Legislature, in terms of LR 239, had nothing to do with it? The water is not that much different, even though I heard when I was coming down the other day, that the found an oil slick in the Missouri River someplace near Omaha's water supply but that happened after this article was written. So they couldn't have drunk that water with the oil slick and suddenly decided they need coordination. Something occurred, and, Senator Withem and Senator Warner, I think it goes without a question that the existence of 239 did it. This has elicited a response from those who should know most intimately the necessity for coordination but they haven't done it. Oh, and on the two amendments that I have, Senator Warner and I talked, and he has no disagreement with those amendments. Now I am not just saying it because I am offering them, but there was one amendment that I offered that we adopted that was good, and with these two, I think the bill would be in very good condition, and we ought to go ahead and advance it. If, after it gets to the final stage, something untoward developed and there would be, for strategy purposes, a reason to hold it, it would be better to hold it at that point, but certainly not here. So I hope when we vote on Senator Withem's bracket motion, that vote will be no. Then, when we get to 239, itself, I hope there will be enough votes to go ahead and advance it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, on the bracketing, followed by Senator Labeledz and Senator Nelson.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I hadn't thought maybe that I would continue because I don't think anybody was dying to hear why I didn't vote for Senator...wasn't going to vote for Senator Schimek's motion anyway, but Senator Johnson's comments about is this proposal good for students I want to address because it is good for students. I have worked for years with college students in trying to help them either acquire the credits they need to graduate or get access to programs that they need, and this is an old story that some of you know, but it is still true, and the same problems still exist today. Years ago, there was a demand in this state for a master of business program across the state, prior to when I came into this Legislature. One of the first things that I did when I came into the Legislature was introduced a bill that gave Kearney, and Chadron, and Wayne the option to offer a MBA, because in the past there had been this story told about how everything was going to be coordinated and the university should