

ignored that process. We have a Postsecondary Coordinating Commission. We tend to ignore their recommendations. As I indicated before, there is something known as the Council on Public Higher Education, a voluntary coordinating body that hasn't met in two years now, and has only now met that this proposal is coming up. I think the fact...Senator Moore brought up an interesting point concerning the Appropriations Committee. It's no secret, I guess, that the Appropriations Committee has more direct contact with higher education than anybody else in this Legislature, including the Education Committee. We don't deal with policy issues too much, we deal more in spending issues. And I hadn't realized that, Senator Moore, that eight of the nine members of the Appropriations Committee had voted to advance the bill. I think that sends a signal that, if the people in this body that deal with higher education on a daily basis, have frustrations about the way it's coordinated, it is time for a change. The time is now. I think by voting down the bracketing motion you indicated you wanted to deal with it. I urge you to vote yes on the advancement.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote was requested. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Call of the house and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Please record your presence. Please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber. Senator Nelson, would you record, please. Thank you. Senator Lynch, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Goodrich, Senator Schmit, Senator Jackie Smith. We're looking for Senator Jackie Smith. Senator Schmit, would you check in, please. Thanks. Senator Lynch, Senator Schellpeper. We're still looking for Senator Jackie Smith and Senator Lynch. Now we are looking for Senator Smith. Senator Withem, we can't locate Senator Jackie Smith. What do you think?

SENATOR WITHEM: I think we ought to go ahead and take