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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend the Warner amendment. (Conway amendment appears on page 1884 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, would you like me to read it?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. If you do have your Journal pages open to page 1863, for the Warner amendment, and have read through it, as I just have, I believe that I can support the Warner amendment, except I believe that there has been an element of higher education that is certainly a part and contributes to the higher education activity in the State of Nebraska, that being the technical community colleges, by virtue of identification of postsecondary institutions being those which offer baccalaureate and/or postbaccalaureate degrees, we have eliminated, by virtue of this constitutional request, a major segment, a growing segment, a very valuable segment of our educational opportunities in the State of Nebraska. Being a person who has had about 18 years of involvement in higher education, we are constantly coordinating and articulating and trying to bring positive relationships with those institutions as they fit into the entire arena offering higher education in the State of Nebraska. I think that if we are going to have a coordinating body that has this level of oversight to the process, that that level of higher educational offering should just as well be part of that coordination and articulation of what things should be. And I don't know whether...Senator Warner, I'm sure, may be willing to react to this in terms of why they were left out. And, if we're going to have a coordinating body, we ought to be coordinating all of public institutions rather than simply the four-year institutions or greater. With that, I offer the amendment to simply strike the language, beginning on line 14, at the end of "public institutions" and strike "which offer baccalaureate and/or postbaccalaureate degrees", strike that and just talk about public institutions in general in the State of Nebraska. So that is the amendment that I offer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing speakers on the Conway amendment, Senator Morrissey announces the presence of