

reasons probably than some of the rest of you have pointed out. If we're going to do it, I'd like to see the Conway language in there, if we...if, in fact, it could be accomplished. But one of the things, frankly, that has a lot of appeal to me, and I know that people like Senator Lamb are a little uncomfortable with the notion, and I heard Senator Haberman make some good remarks one day, too, about, gee, what does this mean if you create seven separate boards? But I can tell you as a person who represents the western-most institution, and then the community college, it's also the western-most community college, that sometimes it's not as easy for an understanding of the unique needs of a region to be met. I would guess understanding of the unique needs of a region to be met. I would guess that people up in northeast feel the same way. I don't think we're particularly unique. But there are regional needs for higher education. One of the things that appeals to me, about the 239 option that isn't here, is that regional coordination mechanism. I think it's more likely to make the whole system responsive to the public, it's more likely to identify early needs. I hope it's more likely to identify antiquated programs when they are antiquated, so we can get rid of them. And so I think that regional board mechanism, even though some folks are, I think, seeing that as cumbersome, I know that Senator Haberman expressed some concerns at one time about potential expense attached to that. I would much...I still think that's a better system, and it's going to be more responsive to the citizens of the state than this particular mechanism. I guess I don't have any concerns at this point about doing it today to get the kind of information that Senator Warner is seeking. I would...I'd like to hear the kind of information that this...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...might generate. But I guess for today I would vote against the Conway amendment, but not rule out the possibility of including that system in this whole process, I think it's important that we do. And we'll wait and see what we hear on the ninth, or before the ninth, before I decide whether I want to support 1141 as amended...as proposed by be amended by Senator Warner. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I just wanted to, I guess, support what Senator Coordsen said