

they have worked very hard in the last three to four years has been in this area of transferability of credits. Still have a lot of work to do, and they'll admit it. But I think they have done a great deal of work so that they can look at what the contents of a class might be, and whether or not it is similar in a different place, and what in fact will count as transferability, and what won't. We don't have a mechanism set up today that will assure that that takes place. I think what the Warner amendment to 1141 does is it creates a commission that can work on this problem. You're right, Senator Crosby, the mere creation of this commission doesn't automatically ensure it. And the mere passing of legislation, or the passing of a standard by the coordinating body will not automatically make these credits transferable, that begins the process of making this process work. I think you made a good point, but I think the passage of the Warner amendment will lead us in a direction...in that direction. I'm going to support the Warner...and as we've indicated, lights come around only so often, so you need to take advantage of being up to speak. So, in addition to supporting the Conway amendment to the Warner amendment, I'm going to support the Warner amendment. I hope it gets adopted and I hope it gets advanced. My preference would be to have a 239 system, as Senator Scofield has said. But that may not be the choice that is really available to us. I think getting a degree of coordination in place, as the Warner...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...amendment does, adds a great deal of improvement to the system that we now have. Would point out to people that are concerned about the university system and the state college system, this does not affect governance. The hiring of presidents, the hiring of staff, the creation of proposals to bring forward, none of those sort of things that go on under the guise of governance today will be affected one iota. It will just be a matter of there will be a coordinating body above those institutions to provide a degree of coordination over programs that is sorely, sorely lacking today. So I'm going to be supportive of the Conway amendment, the Warner amendment, 1141, 239, 259, 1059, I'm just a supportive guy here today. So, I hope the rest of the body will support the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.