

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, I just...Senator Withem discussed, very appropriately, the credit transfer, because one should not interpret that coordination means all credits are transferred to all institutions. That just simply is not what coordination will do. But I do believe it would facilitate the kind of arrangements that are necessary between institutions for the transfer of credits, and that is quite different than automatically doing it. The issue...I'm not at all sure, and I'm somewhat uncomfortable whether or not the issue is addressed as altered by Senator Conway or not. And I guess because I'm not, I am hesitant to vote for it today. It's a \$38 million issue is what it is. I have no problem, that isn't quite accurate. I might not have a problem with adding \$38 million additional cost to state government, as long as we understand that unless you increase some tax rates somewhere along the line that that 38 million comes out of existing programs, existing responsibilities. And 38 million is of a size that that impact is going to be there. But, if it's going to...So I would not want to casually do that. I suspect there might well be a way. I don't know...I don't have a way in mind at the moment that you would not necessarily disturb that if it was drafted right. But I have a suspicion that this would seem to me not to satisfy conflicting, possibly conflicting constitutional provisions. But, in any event, I don't like to take as much time on this. I wish we could advance the concept, if there are the votes to advance it, and again to actually see whether or not people are interested in coordination who have been lobbying on this issue. It just boils down to just that simple. And, again, I would repeat that amendments can be made on Monday, if necessary, to them. So, with that, I don't want to take more time. However the vote comes out on this particular amendment I'll live with it. And I would hope that we can hurriedly advance the bill and get to some of these other issues that I would like to have us be able to get to.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'll be very brief. I'd like to say what I visualize the Coordinating Commission to be and what it would do. It would enhance the areas of excellence that our four-year and two-year colleges have. It would enhance the core learning at each one of these institutions. We all realize that the students need basic mathematics, basic English skills, basic humanities as part of their college education. These are the things that we want to be able to move from