

April 4, 1990

LB 247, 1141  
LR 239

Warner amendment. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1884-85 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. Back to a discussion on the Warner amendment. The call is raised. Senator Moore, you wanted to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to support the Warner amendment. I kind of just get a hoot out of this whole discussion, to tell you the truth. You know last year I described the postsecondary...I filed an amendment, as a matter of fact, on the postsecondary on the budget bill, or on some bill, on LB 247, it was, to change the name of the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission to the Data Collection Commission because the present Postsecondary Coordination Commission is like a French poodle with no teeth guarding the Brink's Bank. I mean is just...it is ineffective, it can't do anything, and as we discussed the Coordinating Commission last year, you know, got a pat on the head by a variety of people, primarily the higher education system, primarily in the university system, saying, well, that is nice but, you know, we really don't want to do that. We have an excellent Board of Regents and who never bother us. Well, then, you know, the bill I introduced last year didn't go anywhere. LB 247 passed, the commission came along, and all of a sudden this bold, new initiative, LR 239, which for me was personally better than I ever dreamed of actually doing something. And I just loved the fact that the commission sent that forward, I think it was on a large majority vote, if not unanimous vote, on to the body. Well, then all of a sudden, the university folks, Faculty Senate, everybody said, now, wait a second, LR 239, boy, that would really hamper the flagship image of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. LR 239 would create these seven little fiefdoms all across the state and ruin the way we spend money. You know, by golly, you are absolutely right, we need some coordination of what is going on. You read Regent Blank's comments. Now was he speaking for the board or was he speaking for Regent Blank, I don't know. And on down the line it has been said, well, you know, you can't go whole hog with LR 239 but, well, you are right, you ought to buy some ham or some bacon and do some coordination finally. The university folks are saying this. Just yesterday I met with the Faculty Senate representatives in a private meeting. They said