

disagree but that is why I am doing it because we can't afford not to expend our money right in higher education. We can't afford not to make sure we are moving ahead with quality education that is cost effective.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Baack and Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Chair to rule on the germaneness of the amendment. The amendment substantially changes, I think, the intent of the original LB 1141.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner, do you have a comment before the Chair rules?

SENATOR WARNER: No. The purpose of the amendment, of course, is to provide a...deals with the coordination of higher education and that is what the amendment does. And beyond that, I believe it is germane with the rule change we made in January.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill, itself, does speak to the matter of the change in the current governance and coordination of postsecondary educational institutions, and it occurs to the Chair that the amendment offered by Senator Warner, at least according to my interpretation of the rules as they were amended early in the session, is germane because it does pertain to the same subject matter. The fact that it accomplishes...does or does not accomplish a substantially different purpose makes no difference in the ruling. We did eliminate that section. So I would rule that the amendment is germane. Any other discussion? Senator Baack, your light is on. Would you like to discuss the amendment, followed by Senators Warner and Conway.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise in support of the Warner amendment, but I would just like to ask Senator Warner a couple of questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR BAACK: Senator Warner, on page 1863 in the Journal, it says on line 16, starting with the language, says, "Coordination shall mean, but not be limited to, coordination of programs and academic activities, planning, budget submission, capital construction,..." I would like you to, you know, for the