

SENATOR BAACK: They would have, okay. Okay, and then as far as capital construction goes, now would every capital construction project have to be approved by this board?

SENATOR WARNER: Correct.

SENATOR BAACK: And then with final approval by the Legislature.

SENATOR WARNER: Obviously, but I would anticipate that you would see a priority for capital construction in higher education statewide as opposed to between two systems as we now have it, in which there is no comparison than our good judgment, of course, the Legislature's good judgment.

SENATOR BAACK: Yeah, that is unquestionable, I would guess.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, I would think so.

SENATOR BAACK: (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Warner. I appreciate your answer just for some clarification. I would rise in support of this amendment. I have been one that has...I have been quoted a number of times on the floor of the Legislature today because I was the one who did ask the question at the Education Committee hearing this year, and I was absolutely flabbergasted by the answer that I got. Because I have been on that committee now for six years and we have had these kind of bills before the committee before dealing with coordination and powers of the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission, and every time in the past that we have had a bill dealing with that, the Board of Regents has always testified in opposition to that because they did not want that kind of coordination. So I was absolutely flabbergasted when I asked Regent Blank whether or not they supported, that they would support a toughening of the Postsecondary Coordinating...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BAACK: ...Commission and he said that they would. I do not know whether he was speaking simply for himself or for the Board of Regents at that point. I think we have had problems before, I think last year we had a problem of we didn't know who they were speaking for when the regents talk, but I have to take him at his word, that they are willing to support this kind of a concept. So I think that is a definite move in the right