

direction on the part of the Board of Regents, and I would think that at this point they should be out in the lobby lobbying in favor of this bill. I think that I am already out of time, Senator Elmer, I think, so I can't give you any. I think with that I will just conclude. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, your light is on next. Do you wish to discuss the matter? Senator Warner, do you wish to discuss the matter further? Your light is on and followed by Senators Conway and Crosby.

SENATOR WARNER: I...well, I might just merely say that I did not wish to delay other legislation. I would like to get a vote as quickly as possible on the amendment and, again, I will repeat that these are available to be amended on Monday, unlike other issues, so that should be understood.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Conway, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. I rise to I think support the Warner amendment. I am supporting it on the basis that I think there was a good faith effort on the part of Senator Warner to figure out a way between now and Monday to qualify the inclusion of the less than four-year degree offering institutional programs that are out there. When we look at the impact that that has on higher education delivery in the state, we are talking about in the neighborhood of one-third of the students in higher education. We are talking apparently probably, I am only guessing, but well over one hundred million dollars in somebody's money, partly ours, partly the property taxpayer, partly the student's tuition, is a very significant part of our higher educational system. And I think that they deem themselves to be a very significant part of that higher educational system, and to have a coordinating system that excludes them from the process to see how they are and will integrate with the rest of the institutions as we are trying to deliver higher education in the State of Nebraska, I think would make a sham of the coordinating process altogether. It wouldn't be a great deal different than this body sitting here and the first six rows have one set of rules and the last two have something else. It wouldn't make any sense whatsoever. So I am going to support to move the concept of a stronger Coordinating Commission over to Monday's vote, but, like I say, I am under the understanding or belief that Senator Warner will figure out