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have had my light on several times but I didn't want to take much more time on this. But having served on the Education for six years, one of the very first lessons that I learned was when I worked on the nursing program back four or five years ago, the lack of coordination and really no one had any strong input. The only one, I will have to admit, that had any say-so and that we did have to listen to was the Coordinating Commission. But I think Senator Moore put it wrong when he explained the poodle dog and so on. I believe it was explained in the Education hearings as it was a bulldog with no teeth in it, and so maybe that is what it is, but I know that everyone admits that the Coordinating Commission lacks what we would like to hear and see from them. Also, in all of the input that I have gotten, very, very few people have criticized the proposals in LR 239. I probably will support LB 1141 at this point. I have don't have the confidence in hearing from people as Senator Scofield does because, frankly, I feel we probably won't hear from hardly anyone over the weekend. This is something that to me a lot of people don't understand or should have an interest in and they don't have an interest in. The tech schools do have some...the Coordinating Commission control over the tech schools. I found that out in my nursing and we had to satisfy them, so there is some there. I don't want to belabor this, take any more time, but people are kidding themselves when they find that...say that we don't need to address coordinating between the higher institutions. That is probably is the biggest criticism and the biggest frustration that we have, and it is the students that are being affected, it is not the rest of us, they, in being able to get their education and to ladder on up. So with that, I simply will conclude. I don't want to take any more time but I certainly support really the LR 239 but for this point I also will be supporting 1141, and it is really needed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. (Gavel.) The house is not in order, please. Senator Withem, further discussion?

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Five hands I do see. Shall debate now close? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. On the advancement of the