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LB 1141
LR 239

senators. We have on our desk an amendment to LB 1141, which I understand is an amendment that has been worked on over the weekend. It calls for an increase in the powers of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. From my viewpoint, this is a much more preferable approach to take if we are going to reorganize higher education in our state. It calls for the appointment of 11 members, 6 to be appointed by the Governor from districts within the state, and then 5 to be appointed from the state at large. It has a detailed explanation of the statement of intent for LB 1141 and for the amendment to be in that form. I believe this is much more preferable than 239CA, which would have set up another board of higher...Board of Regents of Higher Education, and then have seven separate boards of trustees, and we have all debated and discussed how the inefficiencies that would occur and how the problems would relate to the reorganization of higher education if LR 239CA is enacted. From my viewpoint, I think LB 1141 is a much more preferable approach. I would urge that that be the particular approach we take. I should mention right now that there is a problem if both of these constitutional amendments pass, because if both pass and both happen to be voted upon by the people of our state and both accepted by the people of our state, then they are in, to a degree, I understand, in somewhat of a conflict and there would be a problem in determining how to interpret those conflicting constitutional provisions. My thought is that the best way to resolve it and to avoid any type of conflict or any type of problem like this is just to reject LR 239CA, vote for LB 1141 with the new constitutional amendment, the new language, concerning the coordinating commission, and that is a much more preferable approach. It would simplify things and we should pass the 11...reject LR 239CA and vote for LB 1141, so that there is no confusion on the ballot. We should not be voting to pass both of these constitutional amendment proposals. We need to vote for one or the other and, with that, I appreciate your consideration. I'd withdraw the proposed motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, I do. Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to suspend Rule 4, Section 2, to permit consideration of AM3370 to the resolution. The amendment being proposed is found on page 1961 of the Journal, Mr. President.