

commission to move forward, and there is some virtue to that, obviously, that coordination is always something I think...it is one of those terms, local control, and coordination are those kind of good terms that we all like to support so there is some validity to that. The only question I raise now is it is so hard to get the university to move forward on ideas and concepts and things that would be of value. They have to work through such a bureaucracy. You start with the department level, and then you get into the college level, and then you move up to the various campuses, move into the administration office of, say, the Lincoln campus, and then it goes to the central body of the Board of Regents, and through it all, you get so many different ideas and good concepts lost in the shuffle, and now yet another layer will be added to that review process to further stymie the concepts and initiatives that I think might be valuable. There is good to coordination but I think, again,...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...the reason I am concerned about acting quickly on this is there is also a problem with adding yet another layer to make a decision that may not, in fact, be of benefit in some cases.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, you are next, but I have some special guests I would like to introduce. In the north balcony, they are guests of Senator Kristensen, we have delegates from Kearney State College's James E. Smith Midwest Conference on World Affairs. There are representatives from 50 countries as well as a number of U.S. Government agencies and organizations with international interests. The special guest in Nebraska is Ambassador Katenta Apuli from Uganda. Would you folks please stand and be recognized, and, Mr. Apuli, would you wave your hand so we can see which one you are. Thank you for visiting us today, and the entire group, we appreciate your being here today. Now we also have another group in the north balcony of Senator McFarland's. They are Lefler Junior High School Select Choir of Lefler Junior High. There are 45 in the choir and they are eighth and ninth graders, Jamie McFarland, with their director. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And one more, under the south balcony, Father John Lynch of Creighton University from Senator Lindsay's District. Would you please stand, Father Lynch, and thank you for visiting us today. Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Schimek and Senator Withem.