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LB 1141  
LR 239

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, in a lot of the debate on LR 239 and 1141, a number of times I was going to speak and then Senator Withem and Senator Warner have done such a fine job in most all cases and have said just about what I want to say. Having served on the Education Committee and having had the experience a number of years back with the nursing program, a lack of coordination and so on seems to be one of our biggest obstacles in our higher education, and it just comes out to us almost daily on that particular committee. So I will be supporting very much LR 239 and probably 1141, too, but I do have a question of Senator Conway or Senator Warner. Senator Conway, would you answer a question for me please. Senator Conway, then by...

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR NELSON: ...your amendment, and since I don't have it in front of me, would we still retain the present board of the community colleges, and then their programs and so on for approval or disapproval by this new commission? In other words, we would still retain the present boards as we have elected in our districts for our community colleges?

SENATOR CONWAY: The LB 1141, as it is written, would retain all of the same governance structures as we now know them, the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and the governing boards of the community colleges. What this would do would be create the coordinating commission that then has the oversight...

SENATOR NELSON: The oversight.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...over the activity with respect to coordination.

SENATOR NELSON: The commission that doesn't have any power now but might gain a little power, correct?

SENATOR CONWAY: Under this, they would definitely gain power.

SENATOR NELSON: I kind of wanted that for the record and I was sure I had it figured out. Thank you. I conclude.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Withem.