

bill indicating to me it was primarily a harmonizing measure that what it does basically, it changes officially the name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and it also gives to the Coordinating Commission that was established by constitutional amendment last year the authority to name new colleges within the system. Currently those colleges have to be established by statute. They are...they have to be brought...a bill has to be brought in and they have to be passed. That seemed reasonable to me, I agreed to sponsor it. After it was introduced some folks down in the fiscal office came to me and said, do you realize what your bill does? It creates a new College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and sure enough, when you read the fine print in here, there is on page 23 of the bill a new college that does not exist, Fine and Performing Arts, listed here. You go back to the Board of Regents' agenda of January 12, considerable discussion at the Board of Regents meeting about the creation of a College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, a fairly lengthy budget document here indicating that there would be about \$130,000 transfer of funds around within the system to fund this proposal. Now I don't know if it's a good idea or a bad idea to create a College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. What I do know is I don't appreciate a bill being brought to a legislator by an agency of state government that creates a new program and that they don't have the courtesy to inform that member that when they put their signature on a bill that that's what it does. I know we sign a lot of legislation in here and maybe we're not as aware of what is involved as we should be. This is one, frankly, I did read over the bill in some degree of interest. I did not have the capacity to know that this was a new college that was being created. I don't appreciate being used this way. Maybe there are individuals here in the Legislature that would like to see a College of Fine and Performing Arts established. It's maybe a proposal that on its merits deserves some consideration, but I don't think this is the way we ought to be doing business. I'm asking that this bill be withdrawn. Just parenthetically I would indicate that some of you, I know, were approached with the bill dealing with the cigarette tax and signing on to that bill indicating that that was simply a continuation of an existing program. Lo and behold, we found out that the old program used to include state colleges. The bill that we were all asked to sign on on behalf of the university was one that includes only the university. State colleges were left out in