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LB 663A, 663

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore's amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to advancement of the bill. Senator Kristensen, I understand you wish to speak on the bill. He waives off. Is there anyone who wishes to speak on the advancement of LB 663 as it has been amended? Seeing no one, Senator Withem, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WITHEM: Only for a second, Mr. Speaker. LB 663 is an incredibly important bill. It moves us one step further toward actually having a coordinated system of higher education in Nebraska. The first step was the approval of the legislation; the second step will be the passage of LB 663. Most important step though might be the quality of individuals who serve on this commission. Governor of our state does have an incredible responsibility on his shoulders of picking 11 individuals, not as representatives of specific campuses to come in, debate their cases on the commission, but as citizens of Nebraska looking for what is best for the State of Nebraska. I know Senator Kristensen wanted to have a little bit of dialogue on that issue and we can do so on Select File, but he and I have talked privately on that and I feel that the appointment of these individuals will be the most critical thing before us. With that I would urge your vote to advance LB 663.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Withem's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 663. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 663.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 663 advances. We will go to LB 663A by Senator Withem.

CLERK: Mr. President, 663A introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature,