

we call these clean-up amendments, a little bit more substantive than E & R but they're still corrective things we think needs to do. Amendment 5 rewords and, hopefully, clarifies what a capital construction project is. Amendment 8 adds the word "major" to division regarding approval of colleges, etcetera. Amendment 9 adds a restriction on a membership to the commission of members of the independent private governing boards as well as members of public governing boards that previously existed. Amendment 12 specifies that the commission may hire consultants to help undertake its duties. Amendment 25 states that ongoing or existing capital construction projects, like existing programs, are deemed approved. If you remember in the bill, existing programs are deemed approved until such time as they are disapproved by the commission. Amendment 25 extends the budget review to deficits as well as biennial budget requests. Then there are some other technical amendments dealing with the time lines. This was recommended by the Governor's office. Current time lines for budget review in 663 make it difficult for the Governor's office to be involved in that process so we're moving back some deadlines so that the Governor's office will have some time to react to some of these things. If there is anything that struck your attention as we went through this explanation, I would be happy to respond or see if Senator Warner, who is co-sponsor of this series of amendments, may wish to respond to any of your questions that you might have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. The next speaker is Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I have a question for Senator Withem, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would.

SPEAKER LAMB: I'm sure it's not in your amendment but there has been talk about the possibility of removing tech colleges from the property tax base. Would you have any thoughts you would like to share on the possibility of doing that, probably not in this bill but maybe in another bill this session?

SENATOR WITHEM: Did we not get that drafted into the technical amendments here? It might have been one of the things we left out. If you are asking me for my opinion on that, it's been