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conversations with the Coordinating Commission and with the University of Nebraska, community colleges, state colleges, and pretty soon got in the middle of...of should we be addressing coming back and reevaluating the proper role and mission of the Coordinating Commission. The Education Office then became like a revolving door, I would revolve in state colleges and what they thought, they would revolve out and revolve in community colleges and what their opinion was, they would revolve out and revolve in the university and out, and the Coordinating Commission. This went on and on and on until we, in committee, talked about what was presented by a bill brought to us by the university and state colleges and community colleges, and one by the concerns of the Coordinating Commission, and the concerns that I had articulated in really looking at a needs assessment for the rest of the state. In the end we generally came up with LB 816 that addresses revisiting what is laid out in the state constitution as to the role and mission of the Coordinating Commission and redefines those things that are not seen as functions of the Coordinating Commission. In the end we had a general agreement from all of those people that I described to you in the revolving door scenario, generally in agreement. Probably the Coordinating Commission would have preferred us not...not looking at this whole issue and revisiting it. But in a moment I will open on the amendments and explain to you exactly what the final outcome of hours of meetings and discussions within the Education Committee and the result of that is...will be the amendments presented on LB 816.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Mr. Clerk, are there committee amendments? Senator Bohlke, would you wish to open on the committee amendments?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Madam President. The committee amendments replace the original provisions and modify the statutes affecting the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The commission is required to revise a comprehensive statewide plan and present it to the Education Committee by January 1, 2001, if practicable. The commission shall work in consultation with the institution governing boards to revise the existing plan. The new plan shall define and reflect the role and mission of public postsecondary educational institutions and articulate statewide goals. The guidelines for admissions,