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we're doing is addressing the issue of the institution saying the amount of duplication of paperwork and what, in their view, seemed to be an expansion beyond what the constitution said was the role and mission of the Coordinating Commission. As the committee looked at the constitution, it was very clear, giving...spelling out the role and the duties of the Coordinating Commission and that the...and in the final agreement, I believe, on the committee amendments would determine that we cannot always make individuals get along, but what we can do is provide that the Coordinating Commission, the university, the community colleges, the state colleges have something in place that certainly encourages the communication that I think they all agree best serves the students in the state. And clearly, I think, in the end, through all the meetings, it was best to get all of the people together and have these discussions, although they were lengthy, and come up with something that was agreeable. I think the process provided an opportunity to clear up some misunderstandings and for everyone to focus on what the future should be and what the role and mission of the Coordinating Commission should be in that future. There's a great deal in there. I will attempt to respond to any questions any of you may have. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Are there amendments, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Bohlke would move to amend the committee amendments with AM1317. (AM1317, Legislative Journal page 1807.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, this amendment really goes to the issue of private institutions, when they come to the state of Nebraska, currently have to be approved by the Coordinating Commission. This would expand it to include institutions that offer college credits and graduate degrees. And that is the essence of this amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The discussion is on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Kristensen's light is on.