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the relationship that's there; although there will probably always be some, and probably should be, disagreement between them. But I think it will be a healthier discussion and debate between all of them. And, as I've stated, we cannot make individuals or personalities get along with anything that we do, and the committee kept saying that, you know, we were in...we seemed like we were in the middle of people who were having some difficulty in communicating and having a good, healthy relationship. But in the end, I believe, with what we've addressed with these committee amendments, we did allow all parties to focus on what really is important, and certainly be able to look at the statewide vision you talked about. I do not think that we diminished that, I think it's very important. And when we go out this summer on the governance issues, I think that that will give the public a chance to react to other issues raised by senators, apart from the actual functions and role and mission of the Coordinating Commission. So, with that, I ask for your support of the committee amendments and then the adoption of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is closing on the committee amendments. The vote is on the adoption of the amendments. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The committee amendments are adopted. We now move to discussion of the bill. Senator Dierks, your light is on.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I just wanted to weigh in on the issue. I was on the Education Committee at the time that this legislation was brought up and...that established the Coordinating Commission. And I think, as I recall, there seemed to be some problems that we were sure this would help us correct and I think, by and large, it has. I've been pleased with the results and the people who served on that commission were just very, very accommodating and very outstanding, and I thought they did a great job. The chairman they've had has always been very capable. And I'm sure that there comes a time when you, as