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State of Nebraska that yes, indeed, this is an institution worthy of matriculating in in terms of credits you may receive that will transfer to other academic institutions.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Senator Koch, in addition now that the Committee amendments have been adopted, that is the main purpose of this bill, is that what...my understanding...

SENATOR KOCH: That is primarily the significant purpose of the bill, Senator Cullan. That's absolutely correct.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, thank you Senator Koch. I do appreciate your response. Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, this bill is a farreaching piece of legislation which I think is very important. Now Senator, only... Senator Koch indicates that only approved institutions can offer higher education in the State of Nebraska after this is approved, and I think that's wrong. For religious reasons... there may be some religious groups that maybe...Senator Koch talked about cults and those kinds of things, but I'm not sure that the problem is serious enough that we should pass this type of legislation, and I'm concerned about infringement on individual's rights, who may want to take a course from an institution that the state may not approve of. Now I think they should have that right. I don't think the state should necessarily regulate which type of institution operates in the State of Nebraska. I don't see a need for this bill. I'm not sure why it's here. We certainly have...I'm not aware of, and perhaps...perhaps there are problems, but I'm not aware of a great number of problems in this area. Frankly, I'm concerned about the existence of this Commission. I understand before the Appropriations Committee the other day in answer to questions by members of that committee, they were asked what they had done in the last few years, what recommendations they had had to achieve coordination. They were asked specifically if any course or program at any school in the State of Nebraska had been cut to achieve coordination as a result of their activities, and the answer was none. Now, I wonder, personally, and I may be off base, and Senator Koch, please correct me if you disagree, but I wonder if this doesn't a little bit to justify the existence of that Commission and I wonder if that Commission existence is, in fact, justified. So I don't think we have a problem. I don't see a particular need for this bill, and unless there's a good deal more justification for it, I think we shouldn't advance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.