

bill. I think perhaps they're concerned about competition from out of state institutions or something. Now people may, indeed, apply for degrees and get degrees which don't mean anything. They may take courses that aren't transferrable. That happens within the State of Nebraska. You can go to a technical community college or a state college and sometimes have a great deal of difficulty in transferring your courses from one institution within the State of Nebraska to another, from one public institution to another public institution. They haven't solved that problem. Why should we force private schools to make their programs transferrable when we haven't even achieved that in the public sector? I think that this bill is an infringement upon the freedom to do business in this state. I think it's an infringement upon people's rights to take courses that would otherwise be made available by private schools, and maybe I see more in this than is there, but I see no justification for the bill, and I think it expands the authority of the Commission, when perhaps we ought to be looking at a bill to eliminate that Commission. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move to indefinitely postpone LB 141.

SENATOR LEWIS: Before we proceed, I'd like to introduce a good friend of Senator Shirley Marsh that's here today and that's Mrs. Roy Martin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma formerly of Lincoln. Welcome to the Chambers. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Distinguished Speaker and colleagues, I am going to make an admission on this floor that this is not my pet, in fact, I didn't support it, but there are a couple of gentlemen on this floor who did, and I'm standing here bleeding on a bill that at one time I had a hard time convincing myself I should go along with. The Legislature put this Commission into business by statute. I carried the bill last year as an individual. The bill died on the floor up here because we ran out of days. We bring the bill back again because it's now a committee bill. The committee understands it, and Senator Cullan, I'm surprised at you not wanting to protect the citizens of this state when they invest money and there is supposedly a credible institution offering a program to either enhance your qualities of workmanship or skill, or knowledge, or profession, and that's all this institution's going...or this Commission's going to be doing. They're going to be authorizing certain kinds of institutions to offer programs, and I think we owe that to the citizens of this state that this is, indeed, a bona fide postsecondary institution. I don't care if it's private, religious, independent, proprietary, public, or what it is, we have a responsibility to say to the citizens once you enroll