

there and you pay your tuition that we believe there is going to be an outcome that's going to be positive. That's exactly what we're doing with this Commission, and there are men and women appointed to that Commission by the Governor who meet faithfully and conscientiously, who represent every facet of postsecondary in the State of Nebraska...every facet of it. They sit there. There is a Director we hire from New York who is known for his ability and his expertise. His name is Dr. Fuller. He went through the system in New York and coordinated the colleges and university system in New York, and did an excellent job. All we're doing here now is we're saying yes, we believe in the Commission. We're going to say that you will be the watchdog, that you're going to authorize these institutions. Senator Cullan, for your information, I will say this, that within recent months, and listen to this, these are the institutions seeking to authorize programs in the state, the College of St. Francis of Illinois, Drew University of New Jersey, to offer a doctor of ministry program in Omaha, Andrews University of Michigan, Stevens College of Missouri, Eckerd College of Florida, The University of Cincinnati of Ohio, Migrant Action Program of Iowa, Maharishi International University of Iowa, National College of Education in Illinois, The University of South Alabama. They have all made inquiries into the possibility of offering courses in the State of Nebraska. As long as these programs are offered, then I think that we should make certain that these are bona fide institutions that, indeed, once you pay your money, that there's going to be something in the end of it that's credible and that's acceptable. Therefore, I will now support the Postsecondary Education Commission as we have placed it into law, and by the way I oppose the kill motion.

SENATOR LEWIS: Thank you distinguished Senator Koch. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question, please.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Warner, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Warner, what were the original responsibilities of the Postsecondary Education Commission... Coordinating Commission I believe it is. What were they... how were they outlined? What were their duties?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, going way, way back there was federal legislation enacted in the middle '70s, early '70s which was called a 1202 Commission, and at that time the federal government was...or Congress was advocating and pushing for every