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LB 291

SENATOR LEWIS: I think there is a kill motion there and I will respond to it.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Murphy yesterday made a motion to indefinitely postpone LB 291.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, you are the originator of the motion so I recognize you first.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of this motion is to try one last time to prevent this Legislature from adding to the labyrinth of educational advisory committees that we are now funding and own. We have our higher ed commission within the state. We have the Board of Regents, the State College Board of Trustees, the Voc Tech group, everybody going to meetings, everybody counselling with one another and now we are going to propose to spend an unknown amount of money, the extent of which can't be known for two or three years to add another labyrinth of investigation, tasks force, study groups and we are going to start hiring people and building offices and this sort of thing and I would simply ask one last time that you consider what we are doing to the taxpayer, creating another labyrinth, another layer of bureaucracy in the name of education. I don't know if we have room for it in a building. We will probably have to build another building here to do it but I do ask that you consider what you are doing. We have our higher ed commission. We have our college boards, our university boards. We are members at a rather expensive fee of the national compact on education and I think we have got about all the education we can afford. I ask that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I don't want to draw this out but I want to make two things very clear. A number of us that serve on the Midwest Conference of State Legislatures and I think that is by far, Senator Clark, the best group I serve on in terms of exchange of information and some compatibilities of people in terms of trying to resolve issues. Senator Stoney appointed me to that committee two or three years ago. Senator Clark has reappointed me to the committee. It was our concern that in terms of educational policy the Legislatures were not involved. I'm dissatisfied with some aspects of the Education Commission of the States and I served on that seven years. There are some unique educational problems that affect the Midwest in terms of