

we're starting to send a different message to institutions of higher education from this body and I would have and did in fact, favor eliminating the commission altogether this year. The reason I agreed to the modification to keep some of the things alive are that there were some functions that would have been very difficult to spin off this year, but I would urge you to help us think of better ways to coordinate higher education. They have to be done, I think, in close cooperation between the Legislature, the various boards and the regents and the administration of the various schools and this is simply a bureaucracy that is outside that. It is yet another level that's made up of 18 people. I simply do not share Senator Vickers' optimism that this particular mechanism is somehow miraculously going to turn around and be able to accomplish all the things that it apparently has been unable to accomplish in the past. I urge you to reject Senator Vickers' amendment and approve the committee's original recommendation. Thank you.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp. Question. Do I see five...? I guess it's not necessary, no other lights. Thank you. Excuse me. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Okay. Well, it's not necessary I guess. Senator Warner withdraws his light. Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers to close.

SENATOR VICKERS: I'd like to ask for a call of the house to see if there is anybody here.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: The request has been made for a call of the house. Shall the house go under call? The house is under call. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms bolt the doors and will everybody check in and will all those not in the Chamber, please proceed to the Chamber and record their presence. The house is under call. Will all those not in the Chamber please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Everyone in the Chamber, will you please look at the board and see if you have recorded your presence. We need 41 green lights on the board. Senator DeCamp. Senator Abboud. Senator Eret. The house is under call. Senator Haberman, where are you hiding? The house is under call. Senator Vickers, would you like to proceed with your closing while we're looking for Senator Haberman?

SENATOR VICKERS: How many are excused, Madam President?