

that instance. It provides for institutional input through the Planning Council to the director on the administration of the federal SSIG program. We made that clear. There was some concern about that. It deletes some of the obsolete...the committee amendment deletes some of the obsolete language relative to the duties of the joint University State College Task Force for the NBA program, some of those languages or some of that duty that has already been done, so we deleted some of that unnecessary language. Finally, it provides that the Board of Regents shall develop a long term plan to project needs and goals for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This is a part of a bill that Senator Rod Johnson had before the Education Committee that would have put in place a mechanism to direct the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to plan in relationship with various units of the IANR into the University's role and mission system. That portion of that bill was adopted as a committee amendment into LB 1172. that, in a nut shell, is the committee amendments. I would simply urge you to adopt the committee amendments. I would be happy to answer any further questions you may have on the bill, but, as I indicated, Mr. President, I also have an amendment to that committee amendment that I would like to explain. Do you want me to go ahead and explain the amendment to the committee amendments at this point as well, Mr. President?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you wish to take up the committee amendment soon and we can start from the amendment to the committee amendment and then go to the committee amendments and then to the bill.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, my amendment to the committee amendment then all it does is it clarifies that the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee, it is in relation to the program review, is in such a fashion really a technical change, quite frankly, that the committee would oversee the agency program review activities and then make recommendations to the director...make recommendations to the Planning Council and then referred to the Legislature by the director. It is more a technical mechanism to make sure that that is done in a proper fashion, but probably the substantive part of it is that it does bring the Planning Council into the process so that they can make comments on it. And, secondly, the committee...or my amendment to the committee amendments provides that the Citizens Advisory