

That is currently a duty that the current coordinating commission has and it was inadvertently left out of the bill. So we simply reinstate that so that that duty that the current coordinating commission has is transferred over to this agency. Secondly, it authorizes the director to convene meetings of an ad hoc advisory committee to be composed of members of the public or public and private governing boards. Now, I know there is some consternation about that particular process. The governing board members don't want to be left out. And I want to make it clear that if this director has any sense whatsoever, he or she is going to communicate with the governing board members of higher education. It seems, as I said earlier, I think that one of the major skills this director is going to have to have is people communication skills. I can recall a few years ago when I...after I got to be Chairman of the Education Committee I asked representatives of all the governing boards of higher education in Nebraska, public governing boards to come on down to my office and sit down around the table and talk about some of the issues. It was the first time they had ever done it. I think that is what this whole thing is about. So I would like to ask for the adoption of this amendment to 1172, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, did you wish to speak to the amendment or on the bill? Anyone else on the Vickers amendment? If not, Senator Vickers, would you like to close? The question is, shall the Vickers amendment to the bill be accepted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who care to? Fifteen seconds and then we are going to call the vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The Vickers amendment is adopted. Now, we are back on the bill. Senator Warner, you are next up on the bill as amended.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am a little hesitant to rise and speak on the bill because I appreciate and I know Senator Vickers and others have done a lot of work, but I have never been a supporter of a strong type of coordinating commission that this probably would lead to or what has been proposed