

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on page 2374 of the Legislative Journal.) 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A sufficient majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill is declared passed with the emergency clause attached. LB 1172.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Pappas would move to return 1172 to Select File for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, basically what I want to talk about is the reason not to pass this particular bill. This bill came out of committee and it went through General File with very little debate and passed Select File, I think, on a voice vote and now it's up here on Final Reading. I think if you go back and relive our history a little bit and look what the present Postsecondary Education Commission that we have, we've been decreasing their funding, we have not utilized them fully to the extent that they could be. We have people on that committee that's put a tremendous amount of time and work in potential reorganization of postsecondary education. One was a good friend of mine, Wendell Wood, and I do not feel that this would just be starting another level and really a little more troublesome than the present system we have. We cannot fund what we have now. I think we should go develop the system we have or either that or do an interim study to try to do a complete reorganization, if possible, of postsecondary education and I think Senator Warner would like to speak and I'll give him the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'd rise to support the motion to return. I appreciate that what Senator Vickers was trying to do is find a vehicle to...what we talk about, coordinate higher education. Well, when I look at this bill and look at the provisions that are spelled out for this commission to do, I have grave concern that it will end up only as a great collection of information at a lot of expense and little accomplished. In fact, I have an amendment up there, or did have, I'll pull it if the bill is not indefinitely postponed, to