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and I'm quite sure Senator Vickers is going to make some mention, I will very much urge...I'll withdraw the motion, but I urge people to vote against the Final Reading of the bill, the passage of the bill. I withdraw my motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second motion on the bill to return to Select File and it is offered by Senator Vickers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I've been the Chairman of your Education Committee now for four years, and if there is anything that is frustrating to me, it is to try to deal with all the elements in higher education. I can remember a few years ago when I got all of the governing boards of all the...or representatives of all the governing boards, of all three institutions, public institutions, tech schools, state colleges and the university in my office and it was the first time, it was the first time all three of those public institutional governing boards had ever been in the same room together. Now you tell me that we're doing a good job in coordinating higher education and I'll vote to kill this bill myself. You tell me that we're doing a good job in planning our future in higher education and I'll vote to kill this bill myself. You tell me that planning our institutions of higher education through the bucks, as Senator Warner indicates, is the correct way to do it and I'll kill this bill myself. Planning for the future through the limited use of dollars is not a good way to plan for the future of the higher institutions, educational institutions, in this state and I think you all know it. Now the concern about whether or not our current coordinating commission is working, as Senator Fappas says that it is if we simply fund it better, well, it isn't because nobody is paying any attention to it. Nobody has paid any attention in this body. I would challenge anybody in this body to name more than the three members of the current coordinating commission.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR VICKERS: I would challenge anybody in this body to dig in their files and come up with any of their latest materials. Tell me if you remember it. Senator Warner makes a point that the director would be an appointee of the Governor and, therefore, would be a political appointee. That's probably true, although it's not always true. We've had a lot of directors of various agencies that's been around through