

different administrations, but I'll tell you one thing. When Bill Fuller was here and he came over and said something, nobody paid any attention to him, but if he'd speak as a Governor's appointee, speaking for the Governor, at least people would listen. Whether it would be good or bad, at least people would listen. We spend an awfully lot of money in higher education in this state. I happen to think that higher education is what provides our impetus for economic development. Now if we're really interested in that buzz word that we seem to want to use so much this year, then we'd ought to start setting up a mechanism to help higher education plan in its totality in order to provide that direction that we go into the future. Now I know you've all been lobbied very heavily by all the governing boards of these various institutions or at least some of the governing boards and, quite frankly, I understand that. None of us like to have people looking over our shoulder, but I'm getting used to it. People look over my shoulder all the time. I think people look over your shoulders if you've been in this body. People look over my shoulder in my business. My banker is surely looking over my shoulder right now. It seems to me it is not all bad having somebody looking over the shoulder of higher education. I guess I'm a little bit disturbed about the fact that one of the things that I've been criticized for is that on this planning council that I'm creating more than one council. Yeah, I'm creating a planning council. I'm giving the duty to higher education to try to develop plans so that the citizens council can, acting as a banker, decide whether or not that plan makes sense, whether or not we'd ought to be able to afford it, and as part of that planning council, I include private institutions in this state. Now I don't think we can ignore what the private institutions are doing. The publics are rather upset about that, but I'll tell you, if Creighton University had had a college of veterinary medicine out at Boys Town, we'd have never had that issue come up here for our public institutions, now, would we? You all know we wouldn't have. As we are looking to the future, I'll tell you that I wonder if a state of a million and a half people can really afford two schools of medicine, two schools of pharmacy, two colleges of law. I don't know the answers to those questions, but this body is never going to figure it out. This body will never deal with it and we can't expect those public institutions to do it and we won't do it through the Appropriations Committee either, I can tell you that. Now a lot of people tell us we don't like the way this bill is drafted, but we sure need to coordinate higher education. I don't know whether it is drafted correctly or not. I don't know whether it is drafted correctly or not, but I don't