

districts, 5 at large, exactly the same as it will be in January. It is the intent of the Legislature and the hope of the Legislature that when the Governor chooses individuals to serve on this transition committee that he will, in effect, be making appointments for the full commission. No way we obviously can force him to do that. He's the Governor, he can do whatever he pleases. But it is our intent that what this will do is give the Governor an opportunity to make the appointment six months earlier, so they can begin such transition processes as hiring an executive director, visiting with consultants, if they choose to do so, beginning to look at what they may want to do in their plan, those types of things. They will also carry out, during that process, any duties that are there with the current coordinating commission. So that's number one, it establishes a coordinating Transition Commission. Secondly, the bill makes...dictates who may be on the commission. Six members appointed from districts, five at large. The six districts will be recommended to you in the near future by the Government Committee when we are examining our districts for purposes of redistricting all the others. Commission will have three broad areas of power, comprehensive planning, program review, and budget review. Those items, I think, have been discussed fairly thoroughly during the discussion on the committee amendments, but I just make note of that fact. Finally, the bill makes a number of changes in our role and mission statutes. These are recommendations that were made to us by Widmayer and Associates when they studied Nebraska's Postsecondary Coordinating Commission. I would point out to you that although the bill makes statutory changes in role and mission, those programs needed to implement those role and mission changes cannot go into effect until they will be approved by the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission. With that, that's what the bill does. I would urge your support for the bill. I'll respond to any questions, and there are a number of other amendments I know, and we can go onto those also.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Mr. Clerk, do you have amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, I do. The first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Nelson. (Nelson amendment can be found on page 1220 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, members of the body, my amendment will address the education centers, or extended