

postsecondary education in the state and the initiation of an ongoing process for the development and implementation of such a plan shall be completed by December 15, 1990. The reason I do that is I have had some experience with trying to do higher education planning. I administered a grant at Chadron State College to do a long range plan for Chadron. There are few things in the world more fun and interesting than a long range planning process but, boy, are they frustrating. And I would...if you accept my amendment to the amendment, then I would suggest the next step would then be to take that and further narrow that in the context of what specific kinds of questions we want to address because if we don't do that, then we are, as Senator Withem expressed a concern about in the first place, we are attacking the universe of higher education. But I think as the current...the reason that I offer this narrowing of this is, number one, there isn't enough money in here to do this; \$250,000 just won't do it, folks, given what the outside experts are charging to do these kinds of services. If it costs \$150,000 to do one little university in Wyoming and we're asking a person to look at the universe of higher education in Nebraska, \$250,000 will not do it.

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PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: So before I'm willing to spend that kind of money...

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, may I interrupt you. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Please, let's hold it down so we can hear the speakers. Thank you.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I'm perfectly willing to spend that kind of money if I think I'm going to get something that helps me and if I think I'm going to get something that helps you and that we make a better use of our resources in the State of Nebraska. But I think if we start out with just...with preconceived notions about, well, yes, we are going to move this piece of the puzzle over into a different system and that somehow is going to fix everything, we might as well save our money and just give that money to Kearney or whoever is underfunded. I think it