

planned program of instructional equipment replacement. To determine the resolve in addressing the deficiency, mind you, a temporary surcharge was even levied against the students involved in the college of engineering during the '88-89 academic year. This surcharge amounted to \$9 a credit hour, generated from the students, and provided about a quarter of the annual amount considered necessary for the need. And last year in the '89-91 biennial budget request, permanent funding was requested by the Board of Regents for an instructional equipment replacement program in the college of engineering. This, as I mentioned, was accepted by the Legislature but was lost to the line-item veto. Now a status report on the college's instructional equipment replacement deficiency will be filed with the accreditation agency after the end of the 1990 legislative session; note, after the end of this session. At this time, the college will report on its ability to implement this planned permanent program. The reaccreditation of some programs in the college will, therefore, be determined in the summer of 1990 based upon this report and the status report filed with the ABET. Then...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Then the group will return in the fall of 1990, and based on that, the actions that we will or will not have taken will determine the final accreditation status. I remind you that I visited with the dean of the engineering college just within the last 24 hours, not about this but about some of the activities that are going on in the college of engineering today, and they are exciting, as Senator Wehing indicated. The research programs are outstanding and they will require instructional equipment, and he indicated to me that he is going across the State of Nebraska, at this time, visiting with seniors in the graduating class of 1990 and presenting to them the program for the engineering college in the future in the University of Nebraska. Can you imagine what this will result in, the attitude and the planning of students like that who intend to enroll in the University of Nebraska? Already they have suffered a 2 percent decline in enrollment during the past year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: And we can expect the same in the future. Ladies and gentlemen, I request you to defeat the Senator Moore