

made. Well that review is to take place in 1993 and I would say that the commission to be well versed and well understood in what is going on there, would be well-advised to wait until that review has been completed. In visiting with Senator Withem and Senator Warner relative to this particular problem, they agreed, and I agreed with them, that the abilities of the commission to deal with Curtis in this particular way since it exists statutorily, should be available to them. My change changes July 1 of 1993 as the deadline to make that decision by the commission to July 1 of 1995. Two reasons for that. That would allow that study to be made, completed, submitted to the commission for its consideration and it would also, because it is 1995, coincide with the formulation of biennial budgets and the time for those things to be prepared if such a change was made. And I would ask for your adoption of this amendment, merely changing the date for the consideration of changing the status of the Curtis school. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, just briefly on the Curtis issue, the study by Widmayer and Associates recommended that Curtis does not...I don't recall them making any comments on whether we need a school of technical agriculture. I don't recall if they were...I'm sure they weren't negative on that and they might have even made a positive remark or two, I don't recall. But they did say that Curtis is misplaced. It's not part of the overall university role and mission. And they recommended that the functions of Curtis be transferred to the community college in the area, continue to be by state funding. When we drafted the bill we recognized that given the political history of the Curtis school, that that probably would be a difficult thing to do and should not be a section of a multipage bill such as this one, a multifaceted bill. So what we recommend is that the coordinating commission study the issue and come back with a decision on that issue. Senator Elmer is making a suggestion that the date by which they need to act be moved back a couple of years. I have no problem doing that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Does anyone else wish to debate the Elmer amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing?

SENATOR ELMER: Very briefly, Madam President. The following amendment to the committee amendments is going to be presented