

to not force, but encourage the institutions to come into line. For instance, they can use the power of the purse if they are not complying with a admission requirement standard to...and they are thereby having a lot of remedial sort of classes at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, they can use their budgetary review authority and say, hey, we shouldn't be funding those programs because that clearly is not what the university should be doing because of what we think ought to be in the statewide plan as far as admission requirements. They don't have a direct enforcement of their policies, but using their other powers they can attempt to get compliance. So it's a little more complicated than a simple answer would have been, but if...it is my time I guess. Senator Robinson, if you have other questions of me, I'd be happy to let you use the time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What power do they have as far as program goes, the coordinating commission?

SENATOR WITHEM: What program do they have?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, what power do they have as far as setting programs...

SENATOR WITHEM: They can approve programs, request to start a new program. They can approve that or they can disapprove it. If it is disapproved it goes out of existence. They can review existing programs and they can disapprove those. They have very, very strong powers in terms of program review and approval and disapproval.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. I'll now recognize Senator Warner followed by Senators Withem, Lamb and Hartnett. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I was just going to expand a little when Senator Robinson began to ask his questions. Actually Senator Withem has clarified it very well, but the constitutional amendment, as I'm sure Senator Withem pointed out, had things specifically spelled out in the intent that were clearly matters of governance and those areas that were clearly matters of governance which is such things as the level of tuition, credit transfer, admission standards. The authority clearly lies with their planning function, the