

somebody else is already being paid to do, and what's the difference.

SENATOR NELSON: No,...

SENATOR LYNCH: You don't have to answer that, but I...

SENATOR NELSON: No, definitely not.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...I read the bill and it's not clear to me that it does any more than that, and I don't want you to answer this because you're on my time, Senator Nelson. But, in any case, I have concern with it because of that. I don't think we clearly defined what this amendment, what in fact these people are going to do, and we're already over administered and over coordinated, what the people voted on was a simple proposal to provide folks that can do that for us because of the situation we have, and now we're cranking, it seems to me, back into the coordinating system another layer of folks that will be needed to be in contact with all of those others I already mentioned. And with all respect, it may be a good concept, but I don't understand it and I can't...I guess I don't see the need for it at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. I'll now recognize Senator Withem, followed by Senators Nelson and Hillman. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I put my light on to respond to some of the questions that you're raising. And I was going to try to give an objective view on it, but beings Senators Nelson and Hillman have their lights on, I'm sure they can handle the other side of the question quite well. But briefly, Senator Lynch, what I see the education centers are is a...in four communities in our state, where they are now receiving some access to programs, four year institutions, are in fact in Scottsbluff and in Grand Island providing outreach programs there. Learning centers is an attempt to in some ways institutionalize that approach, setting up a body, a group of individuals that will make determinations of what programs are offered, which ones aren't, raise money for those programs. In essence, as you say, an administrative group. The argument is that these are communities in the state that don't have four year institutions in them, but need access to types of programs offered at four