

body and this Legislature. They can do whatever they please. You know, there for a while we agreed that we should give the university professors a couple years ago a 9 percent increase and they wound up getting an 11 percent increase.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: A miracle. What happened? They found the money. There wasn't any motion on the floor to find another \$3 million so they could do that. A lot of us have some concerns about the salaries at the university level and the workload especially that they have and even the traveling that takes place. We've got a lot of questions to answer before we start coming up with this kind of a thing. I think you should oppose this seriously if it involves revenue from the General...General Fund, don't have to take it out of the hide of somebody. It's not deserved. Somebody said...if I run out of time, maybe somebody will give me another minute or two, that the reason the university wants to do this is they're afraid they might organize and become unionized at the University of Nebraska Lincoln level. I'm not suggesting they should. But you know what would happen if they did? The Court of Industrial Relations would probably demand a peer group that was an honest one, that would indicate what they really should have. The peer group they have now they said indicates they're 19 percent behind the average.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LYNCH: They're not and you all know it. Don't vote for this amendment.

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

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam Chair, members of the body, I am not voting for the Ashford amendment. It's normally not the sort of discussion I would interject myself in the midst of. It's just that Senator Wesely made some assertions when he spoke and, given the unlikely assumption that someone may have been listening, I thought I might try to put some things in the record that explains some of the concerns he had. First of all, he wanted...he talked about the distinction between state government programs over here versus state aid and in another pot over here. First of all, some ways as I've seen the budget projections, that's kind of a phony distinction because a lot of