

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that...is that printed?

CLERK: No, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: I'm sorry. I did not make copies. I will read it. It's very short. This is an amendment which was signed by Senator Withem but it evolved from a conversation that was held on the floor on General File and dealt with the \$74,000, I believe, or approximately that, that was appropriated for the continuing of the programs at Grand Island. And there was discussion on the floor that...extensive discussion, as I recall, that it should not be construed to be an agreement with the Legis...by the Legislature that the education centers were a foregone conclusion and, as I recall, there was...Senator Withem read a newspaper account, I believe, quoting the chancellor or rather the president of the university indicating that that indicated public...legislative support by the Appropriations Committee for centers. And, as I recall the discussion and the way LB 663 is drafted, actually whether or not those are to be established we will wait until the new Coordinating Commission has filed its report with the deadlines that are there. The wording says, and we refer to that specific appropriation, nothing in this section shall be construed as constituting legislative authorization for or approval of the construction or development of any education center as such term is defined in LB 663, Ninety-second Legislature, First Session. And my concern was that while there was extensive floor discussion, sometimes that is not translated to people who have an interest, whereas if the floor discussion is reflected in the appropriation bill, why then it serves better notice to those people who have an interest of the condition which appeared to be the consensus in the body when it was discussed on General File. That's the purpose of the amendment. Senator Withem, I don't know if you have any other comment on this language with the education center. I was indicating the conversation between you and Senator Moore that this should not be construed as a commitment as the president of the university had indicated in the paper.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Warner and I, I think, all we're doing here is institutionalizing into the