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are those on the committee who indicated that the school already has been set on course for consideration as to its future. When we passed LB 663, the bill that empowered the coordinating commission, we did, in fact, we did, in fact, indicate that the coordinating commission should review the program and make a determination by July 1 of 1995 as to the future of the program and at that time they should recommend whether it stay within the university as it is now somewhat of a stepchild to the university system and we can get into that a little later, the stepchild relationship a little later on if you care to, or whether it should be placed within the Mid-Plains Community College system, rationale being that it might be considered for placement there because it's a two-year institution. I think a lot of people on the committee supported the idea of moving up that referral date some because they thought if there are supporters of Curtis, that would bring about a day of certitude by which the students and the faculty would no longer have to worry about individuals bringing in bills to close it. On the other side, those that thought that it is a potential area for budgetary savings were supportive of this idea of bringing up the effective date also. So that's all the amendment does. It eliminates all existing portions of the bill and simply repasses the portion of the bill that talks about coordinating commission review and moves that date up to July 1 of 1993. We did get some indications, I believe, from the coordinating commission that they are already in the process of making their review and that this should not place an undue additional burden on the coordinating commission to update this review. So that is the committee amendment. I would urge your support.

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: On the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: The bill. Senator Chizek, on the committee amendment.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, with some reluctance, I stand here opposing my committee Chairman on this amendment and I voted for the amendment. I guess I have given a lot of thought as we approached this point in time tonight. My thought was over programs that we cut that affected handicapped children, the adjustments that we've made for women who are