

different in 1993 than in 1995. We all want the college to grow and meet the needs of Nebraska and the agricultural industry. Thank you for your help. Sincerely, Bill Siminoe." Therefore, I strongly urge the adoption of the committee amendment and will support the bill under those circumstances. And perhaps this issue can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction and not be of contention and forever under the shadow of doubt as to whether it's going to be maintained as an institution for the benefit of the students and the State of Nebraska for that type of an institution. And I urge the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I would ask Senator Withem if he would yield to some questions, if you don't mind. Senator Withem, in my reading of the language, I know the date is changed by the committee amendments and the statute in question, but in my reading of the statute, it looks like the only issue that the coordinating commission will look at is the administrative oversight of the Curtis school. Is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: Not entirely, and I would be happy to explain that. There are really two levels of review of Curtis that will be going on, as I understand it. The one you're referring to is in reference to the institution of Curtis. In their review here, they will have two options. It either stays as a quasi independent fifth campus of the university system or it will be transferred over to the Mid-Plains Community College. A secondary review that's going on at Curtis, as is going on throughout the university system, the coordinating commission is taking a look at programs. This coordinating commission has the ability to determine what programs will be continued. As I understand it, Senator Elmer, about ten programs at Curtis is I think close to that. They will have the ability then to review those programs. Some of those programs have three kids in them, I believe, and they will be able then to do an elimination of programs but the way this language is written, you may be correct, they would not be able to do an elimination of the Curtis school. Conceivably, it could be a school there without any programs.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, so they will review the administrative structure and they are already doing a review of programs. But