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determine?

SENATOR WITHEM: It is my understanding that as a result of the bill that was passed by...I think sponsored by Senator Elmer, that they would not have that authority because it is a separate institution established in statute and it has a separate line-item in our budget. Maybe Senator Moore would be a better one to respond to that, but I see that he's not here.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, so...and the UNL, UNO, UNO Med Center and the UN-Kearney when they go through the budget cutting they don't have the authority over Curtis, but when they make their determinations, how does the coordinating commission fit into that decision-making? Do they have to...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...have their proposals reviewed by the coordinating commission?

SENATOR WITHEM: The coordinating commission really has nothing to do with appropriation, they have to do with the existence or nonexistence of programs. The university would make a determination of where it would be spending its money internally on those programs. But, as I understand it, they do not have that authority over the Curtis campus.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, I rise in opposition to the committee amendments. I think they do not address the concerns Senator Chizek has. We have a protected campus, it looks like, from Senator Withem's answers. If we're going to talk about cuts, this ought to be on the table as well as other cuts in particular.

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: And I do oppose the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I yield my time to Senator Chizek.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, Senator Withem had talked about LB 247 a