

September 29, 1992 LB 29

probably a number of other schools, you could make that same statement about, but we did establish the coordinating commission with additional powers recently, so what I am saying is, let that commission work. We are only talking about until July of 1993 to see what they do have to say about it. We agree to that compromise in committee. Now I see it, well, maybe not being violated but very close to being violated. I would hope that the committee amendments would be adopted. I thought this bill would be advanced long before now...

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: ...with the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Haberman on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Wesely, I don't feel that you can compare the University of Nebraska to Curtis in any manner, in any way. You shouldn't even say it in the same breath as there is so much difference. You can't compare University of Nebraska at Omaha in the same breath of Curtis. I don't think you can compare Kearney, University of Kearney at Kearney with the same breath as Curtis. Curtis is different. I will admit that. It is separate. It is unique. The law provides for what we are doing at Curtis. Your time to rise up and wave the flag, Senator Wesely, was when the bill passed a couple of years ago. If I remember correctly, you were kind of quiet. You say now we ought to lay it on the table and cut her out, cut her down, the university is taking a cut. Well, Senator Wesely, I understand your feeling and your frustrations. I understand Senator Chizek's frustration, but at this late hour, at eight twenty-five, on September, the 29th, in my opinion, is no time to tear, snatch, do everything you can to destroy an institution that is separate and different than the others. Let's let the committee amendments be attached to the bill. Let the commission do their study. Then I will live by their study. By that time, the Curtis issue will be in my district. At the present time, it is not, but I will abide and stand by the findings of the commission. So let's adopt the committee amendments and move the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.