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During the same time period, state funding for UNO decreased by 2.6 percent and that for UNL increased by a slight amount. The number of closed classes in the 1992 year, fall of 1992, increased to almost, as Senator Wesely suggested, almost a thousand classes. A vast majority of the classes are now being taught by part-time faculty which is relatively much more expensive than full-time faculty and has created an extreme crisis at UNO. With that, reading that into the record, I would relinquish my time to Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Wesely, you have over three and a half minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I appreciate Senator Ashford's sharing of his time. I simply wanted to raise the issue. It's been raised, there's been some discussion. There's still uncertainty about what can or can't be done with this particular issue but this isn't the time or the place to fight that battle with this potential cut. But my concern is mostly that the issue be on the table and as review of the budget goes through that we don't have a protected class, a protected campus and that needs to be addressed elsewhere, not at this point with this bill so I would withdraw this amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the...may I read some items, Mr. President? Very quickly, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 29 to Select File with E & R, LB 13 to Select File with E & R; LB 26 to Select File with E & R and LB 14 to Select File with E & R amendments attached. (See pages 134-36 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Schellpeper, I have...I am back to your first amendment we discussed this morning, I understand you want to withdraw that. Senator Schellpeper and Wesely would move to amend, Mr. President. (Schellpeper et al. amendment appears on page 137 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. As we stated before, what we're doing if you'll take the handout, we're taking number 1, to implement psychiatric and chemical day