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the university is going to go through, anything touching Curtis to the degree that you could eliminate the program, and I don't think that's fair. Other types of programs, other types of budgets, other types of expenditures are on the table and it doesn't seem inappropriate to me to pass this language and allow us to make that decision. That's just the background of what I'm trying to do. Again, I'm trying to be reasonable. I know those of you who are very concerned about Curtis don't want to see any changes. I understand that, but if you think through what we're trying to do here in the intent, I think you will see that it flows with what the committee amendment does, it follows with that logic and I think it's not an unreasonable step to take. Otherwise, as the Coordinating Commission goes into the review, the message I think we have sent to them with the statutes is Curtis can't be touched, you've got to leave it there in place. And I'm not sure that that's really the best way to enter into that review. So, again, I would urge your adoption of the amendment. I would give any time that I have remaining to Senator Chizek.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: How much time does he have left?

SPEAKER BAACK: You still have about seven minutes, six and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Oh, well, I won't take near that long. Good. I rise to support the amendment, obviously. I think perhaps everyone figures there isn't much more we can talk about on this issue. But I think it's a very valid point that this will level the playing field. And I think if we adopt this amendment, this amendment to the bill, then, you know, that satisfies me that the playing field is level and, again, I don't know what decision they will make, it's up to them. So I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chizek. We have an amendment to the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the Wesely-Chizek amendment. (Read the Withem amendment which appears on pages 156-57 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.