

this clarifies that situation.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I think that I understand what the intent is here but I agree with Senator Withem. I have felt all the time that the Commission on Postsecondary Education had the authority to do the changes that were necessary there, whether to transfer them to a different facility or transfer their governance to a different facility, make coordinating efforts, whatever was needed to provide the particular course work that's available out there. Now I don't have any particular problem with that. I think that's why we have that Commission on Postsecondary Education. I guess that the difficulty I have with this amendment is that we are asking...we are providing a change in our statutes that would allow them actually to close this school and we haven't had a public hearing on that particular issue. Our public hearing did not include the possibility that the Coordinating Commission could close the school. And so, on that basis, I would object to the amendment. I think that the amendment as the bill was amended on General File and as it passed on to Select was fair and I think we all approved of that. I think that the intent there is that the study is accelerated and with the accelerated study they still have to have this done by the 1st of July, that's just...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...roughly eight months, it looks to me like that...nine months, maybe ten months, but anyway there's...I think that we did the right thing yesterday and I don't believe that by continuing to harass or pick on the issue...the thing that I'm concerned about is that we're sending vibes to the recruiters at Curtis and they're going out to try to recruit new students and they're getting these vibes that, well, we're not sure we're even going to have a school. It's tough on recruiting and we need to put a stop to that. I'm supporting the amended form of LB 29 but not this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Any other discussion on the amendment to the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WITHEM: Again, I guess if you're viewing anything we do here as on a continuum of harassing Curtis or praising Curtis, this particular amendment ought to be closer to the praising