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interest of its statewide mission. The way the current budget is set up, Curtis has a separate line-item that they come to the Appropriations Committee to fill. From that appropriation, they contract with the administration of the University of Nebraska to administer their programs, and out of the appropriation given to Curtis is paid to the university the cost of that administration. And I hope Senator Wesely is here to hear all that, and I know...oh, there, thank you. And I know that all of this is being done in the spirit of cooperation and to melt together some of the differences that we have had between us people from the sticks and the people from cities. The Postsecondary Education Commission in my estimation already has these powers, and here we are late in the afternoon of the last day that we have on one of the last bills on Select File that we are going to have to wait for, making an amendment that really isn't necessary, that none of us really fully understand the ramifications of for only a six to eight month period, that cannot have an effect on the budget in any case. I don't see the point. I object to the amendment and will oppose it, and I hope all of you will. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have not spoken on the Curtis School here before, and I do know of some people who have hired graduates and they are very pleased with the education those students have received. But I am willing to let the postsecondary or the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education do their work and abide by their decision. But I have got a question for Senator Withem, if he can respond. I am a little confused here as to what's going on. Senator Withem, if we do not pass this amendment at this time, does not the coordinating commission have the authority, do they have the authority to make changes or does that authority rest with the Legislature at that time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: (Mike off) as I understand it, Senator Schrock, is that a literal interpretation of the statutes would be the coordinating commission could review the ten programs, indicate eight of those should be discontinued and two of them should be offered at some other institution, but the literal interpretation of the statutes without any programs being offered, we may still have an obligation to maintain the