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SENATOR ELMER: I would think that that would be the case.

SENATOR WESELY: And that could apply to any or all of the programs?

SENATOR ELMER: In any of the state colleges, including the university, I would assume that that was their...that they had that power. Now, perhaps Senator...well, Senator Warner isn't here. One of the primaries in drafting the Postsecondary Education Commission could address that much better than I as to the absolute authority they may have. But that's my understanding.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I think they have the authority under their statutes, the problem is the other statutes that affect the Curtis campus itself. Let's hypothetically talk about if they decided that either elimination or transferring of all the programs over there was what they recommend, would they then be able to, at that point, close the Curtis campus and take that action? Or what powers do they have, do you believe, or not have, do you believe, under the statutes that are in question here?

SENATOR ELMER: I, in my own personal opinion, and I'm no attorney or no expert in higher education, I believe they have that authority, and, in any case, whether this amendment was adopted or not, that the recommendations to that effect would come to us and we would then have to make decisions about the changes in the statutes you are questioning here and the disposition of the University of Nebraska property or the Board of Regents or through the Board of Regents for the disposition of that property, which there is a considerable amount of, probably values eight to ten million dollars.

SENATOR WESELY: So the Coordinating Commission can make a recommendation but actual action, actual closing of a campus, shutting down of a program, do they have that power or is it merely a recommendation that the Legislature has to act upon?

SENATOR ELMER: I would think that they could eliminate every program there and leave a shell.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Senator Withem, can I ask you a question?