

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that's very vital for them to keep. I would urge that this amendment be adopted or be rejected, excuse me. I misspoke. I saw the Vrtiska name up there and I like Vrtiska amendments but the particular Bromm amendment that I see at the bottom, I really urge you to defeat that particular amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I agree wholeheartedly with what Senator Kristensen said. And I hope enough of us were listening so that we realize that great harm could be done to a specific institution if this amendment is adopted. I would like to ask Senator Bromm a question, if he is anywhere near.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And while...while he comes to his microphone, because I see him approaching, I will ask him this question. Senator Bromm, if, in fact, your amendment will harm UNK in the specific way that has been laid out by Senator Kristensen, and I agree with his statements, you still would want to see this amendment adopted, when harm to a specific institution can be shown to result from it?

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Chambers, I...I don't know that I could...that I could subscribe to the theory that there wouldn't be another way for those classes to be presented out of the budget. I don't...I guess I don't subscribe to that. I would have some questions, if anyone knows how much of this money will go to UNK. How do we know how much of this money will go? I haven't been able to get an answer on that even. So I can't buy into the fact that anybody is going to be harmed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, do you...do you have a definition for vacancy that would be affected by your amendment? What does vacancy mean?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, from...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do they mean by that?

SENATOR BROMM: ...from its...I've been told that it's...that it's a savings that can occur when you have a position that's