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recognized by the United States Department of Education. When the terminology "regional" was put in there, that limited those three colleges that I told you about. There was debate on the floor and the issue came up at that time that we would readdress this the following year, which we did with the bill that we introduced, LB 1031. That bill was amended into 1229, which said that they would be given three years to come to some agreement or to see whether they would become regionally accredited as opposed to nationally accredited. Two of those were grandfathered in. That was Bryan School of Nursing and Norfolk Christian. The issue behind this is whether it is a proprietary school, not-for-profit school, and Grand Island College became a not-for-profit I believe about two years ago. That's with the state funds. What I'm considering here is now are we also going to limit tuition credit because of the terminology over "regional" versus "national"? Grand Island College is accredited by a national organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Might I interrupt you?

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Oh, I'm sorry.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, no, that's fine. You've given a very complete answer to my question. Are there...I mean I have been informed that there might be other schools that this would apply to, for instance, like the Lincoln School of Commerce, like the now-defunct Gateway school and other possible potential schools. I'm wondering if we know exactly at this point who this would apply to. And a second question I guess for you, Senator Peterson, is why wouldn't these schools seek regional accreditation if that has been the standard?

SENATOR C. PETERSON: At the time that we introduced 1031, Senator Schimek, the only three schools that would apply were Grand Island College, Bryan School of Nursing, and the Nebraska Christian College. The question of why they would be regionally accredited as opposed to nationally accredited I believe has to do with their missions. Now, I can find out a better answer for that, but it was my...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.