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SENATOR BOHLKE: The...the issues raised were mainly the duplications, probably some of the things that you heard, the number of reports, the "micromanaging" and new construction, of decisions that are more governance that should be with the institutions rather than the Coordinating Commission.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Okay. The conc...there are a few questions I have in the committee amendment. The first one would be on page 7, lines 8 through 13, which basically puts a prohibition on any new programs that the Coordinating Commission previously has been able to do, such as one that I know we've used a lot is the Careers in Education in Nebraska. This is going from developing any other program activity or function it deems necessary to carry out the purpose, pursuant to the Coordinating Commission Act. It specifically says, not develop any programs. What was the reasoning behind this?

SENATOR BOHLKE: And, Senator Peterson, you're aware that the amendments change what this...the amendments...

SENATOR C. PETERSON: The one we just did?

SENATOR BOHLKE: The...the one that we have adopted changed the direction and say actually that it's clearly spelled out that that can be done, what's stated in the constitution, or by the Legislature.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Right. Any action, unless authorized by Article VII, Section 14 of the constitution, right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right. And...and, really,...

SENATOR C. PETERSON: What is...

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...originally, when the committee discussed this point and, like I said, we kept returning to the constitution and looking, and the constitution was very clear, and that's why the amendment, I think, reflects what the constitution says rather...and is a more positive spin than as this appeared in the original.