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SENATOR C. PETERSON: I guess, maybe for clarification,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: ...on exactly what the constitution says that requires this, that says they cannot develop programs, request information or direct any public institution, unless authorized. What...what was...why was this put in there specifically? What were they doing that they felt that the higher institutions felt that they needed to take this away and limit them quite severely, I feel?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Originally, Senator Peterson, this probably has been revised 12 times. (Laugh) And so, I'm trying to remember the exact, I can't give you the exact example as to...but it was certainly coming from those people who were being critical of the Coordinating Commission wanting to restrict their authority. I think the committee...the amendments address...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Wehrbein, your light is next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Madam President, members. I would like to ask Senator Bohlke a question or two. But on the...how would you characterize the committee amendments, which eventually become the bill? Would this be somewhat of maybe a softening? I understand the 90 and 120 days, those are really administrative details. But, generally, would this be a softening of the commission's authority at this point, or is that too strong, or is it...how would you just characterize the whole amendment in terms of the Coordinating Commission? Just so you know,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...I tend to believe in a fairly strong Coordinating Commission.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?