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SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: First of all, Senator Marvel, who's conducting the study that we are authorizing of the state college and their programs.

SENATOR MARVEL: People who should conduct the study. First of all, let's see. It's the coordinator, Dr. Nelson, who comes from Chadron, whose salary incidentally is..his predecessor is getting about between 17 and 19 thousand. He's drawing the salary he drew at Chadron, thirty some thousand. So he is supposed to coordinate this with the faculty and the administrators of the colleges involved. In other words we're asking them in affect, to do that what they should have done a long time ago.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: There are two or three other questions that I have in mind.

SENATOR MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: First of all, I in defense of Dr. Nelson. I don't believe that his salary is much out of line with some of the others that are involved in planning coordination.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm not picking on him. You asked me the question. To do the job and....

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Secondly, is there going to be a program analysis. State colleges, I think, many of them have realized their problems, except the purposes of the state college was to provide a program, particularly for those that were less affluent so they could go. And the problem that we are facing now is the phasing out programs which makes it almost prohibitive for a student going to school. And Senator still I would refer to the language program at Chadron. If they are going to do a study, I think that study ought to be by program by program with the recognition of the fact that educational costs vary just like they do in public schools from Chadron to Bellevue.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, I think to simplify it, what we're asking each of these colleges, the same thing we ask any department. What is it that you do? For which you should receive money? Who do you serve? In other words, who is your clientele? And after they indicate what they're generally supposed to do, the clientele they serve, then the next step is the one you indicate. What kind of programs do you set up to serve your clientele to fullfill your basic goal or mission? You are right, that's exactly..that's what they are supposed to do under this program and basically that's what any administrators is supposed to do. And we are simply strengthening it.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: All right, the second question I have is a concern to me. I don't know whether it is germane, and I don't if we could do it here, but one of the real problems with the state colleges have had is the fact that when we clipped off the maximum number of hours the student could take without having to pay additional hours. Now is that going to be included again in the study?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, all of this information is to be included.