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SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Koch, at the present time this Commission is would you say advisory?

SENATOR KOCH: That's correct.

SENATOR COPE: Now will this give them more power than they have at the present time?

SENATOR KOCH: It doesn't give them absolute power. It authorizes them to review these programs, and I'm glad you asked that question, because it answers Senator Cullan's comment...is that the Commission cannot deny them the right to offer courses, nor deny you or I to take that course. We're merely saying that that institution has certain kinds of inherent problems, and will advise the public to this effect, and there are many institutions who are trying to offer courses in this state. Some of them are very good institutions, but some of them not. And by...the Legislature, by statute, created this Commission, and all we're trying to do is implement the long range goals of the legislation which is 79-2401, and that's the statute.

SENATOR COPE: Well, Senator Koch, what worries me is simply if they have no more authority, and I'm not saying they should have, than they have now, all they can do then is just to advise the public, and how they'll do that I don't know, that this particular institution is not giving sufficient training for the money. Is that more or less what you're saying?

SENATOR KOCH: That's basically right. They really can only advise, and they really can't do much to bring the institution into conformance with what they believe are fair practices as pertains to offering degreed courses that you pay tuition for, assuming you're going to get a diploma recognized in industry, or recognized in a profession. And you know as well as I do, Senator Cope, there are diploma mills around this country. People are buying diplomas that mean nothing once you go out here and offer them as evidence that you are proficient, efficient and capable.

SENATOR COPE: But how are they going to get this to the public? I mean is that...is this going to stop it? Now if they had power to walk in and say you must close down, that's a different story. I'm not sure I'd like that, but at least