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mission by amending the statutes of the State of Nebraska, not through the intent bill. Again I think it is important that these programs be continued as they are being offered now. I think it is...the current operation of the state colleges in this respect is consistent with existing state law and consistent with, at least, my intent as a member of the Postsecondary Educational Advisory Committee that drafted this particular bill. Now Senator Warner has a different understanding of what was intended by that language, but I think it is very clear that what we were prohibiting was terminal vocational programs. I do not believe that the language in sections 10 and 11 relates to terminal vocational programs. I believe that those programs have been discontinued, and it would be unwise of us to not allow a two-year degree to be awarded to someone who participates in the first two years of an existing four-year program. It is important to note that these programs, the four-year programs, are going to occur anyway. They are going to be offered anyway. What we are simply saying is that we are not...if we retain sections 10 and 11 is that we won't give anyone from the state colleges the appropriate recognition for finishing two years, and if they go to a technical community college, they would get that recognition. I would hope that you would look at sections 10 and 11 and that you would support this amendment that would, I believe, make the intent bill consistent with state law.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to oppose Senator Cullan's amendment. To go back again, those of you who recall role and mission, the whole key in that legislation was to discourage or hopefully prevent duplication of programs was tied to who offered the certificate, diploma, degree, and not where the courses for those programs were provided. It was the intent that courses for individuals could be provided at all institutions but so they would not be competing in overlapping programs that the control would rest with who offered the certificate. So all of the courses...excuse me, all of the programs that are listed in 1004 are programs which have both a mixture of academic or vocational training attached to them. The only clean-cut way that we are going to retain and eliminate... retain separation or avoid duplication rather of postsecondary education, in my opinion at least, is to hold fast as to who offers the certificate, and in no way...in no way do any of these courses that are now currently offered at either Peru or Chadron, in no way are the courses eliminated. All

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