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we are saying is, community colleges, state colleges, in this case the two governing boards are involved. You get together, work this out so that the courses are provided for the students where they are appropriately done but we are not going to expand duplication by having two different institutions providing the same programs and offering the same certificates where it is not necessary. And I would hope that you would reject Senator Cullan's proposal because we are really in a test period of whether or not coordination can, in fact, be effectively done and should make it absolutely clear that the language in this... in 1004 in no way will restrict...will in no way restrict the offering of courses at any of these institutions. What it does restrict and only what it does restrict is who offers the appropriate certificate or diploma upon completion and that is the key to avoiding duplication, and I hope the body would not support Senator Cullan's proposal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question if I may. Senator Warner, as I understood your explanation and I want to be sure I understand this correctly, the courses that are now offered will continue to be offered but will in coordination with a vocational technical school and the certificate would then be awarded by the voc technical school. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: The intent of the...or the method in which the whole coordination of postsecondary education would function is exactly as you describe, but courses ought to be available at a variety of locations for the convenience of students, but to avoid competitive duplication that the award of the certificate is specifically assigned to one of the three types of institutions that we have...of postsecondary institutions.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Warner. Now if I may ask Senator Cullan a question.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan, will you respond?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Cullan, you have heard the explanation and I assume that you do not agree with Senator Warner's explanation. Have you had problems at Chadron with coordination efforts with the voc tech area in the past and do you believe that those courses that Chadron does offer now as is the case in Peru demanded or asked for by that particular area and that coordination is absolutely