

February 10, 1984

LB 820, 881

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 820.

PRESIDENT: 820 is advanced. Next, LB 881.

CLERK: 881 offered by Speaker Nichol at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Speaker Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 881 would extend by one year property tax authority granted to the technical community colleges by LB 320 in 1981. That bill permitted the boards of six technical community colleges to increase the seven cents per \$100 of valuation property tax levy by up to 2.2 cents per \$100 of valuation for operations only. The authority granted by that bill was only for the fiscal years 1981-82, 1982-83, and 1983-84. All that LB 881 does is extend for one more year the authority of the tech college boards to levy this additional 2.2 cents for the operations. Currently the six tech colleges areas only, the Western Technical Community College area meets the required statutory conditions to levy this additional 2.2 cents. Based on the current State aid appropriations level and the current distribution formula, the fiscal year 1984-85 tax levy for the western area is expected to be 9.2 cents, the maximum levy allowed by law. Should they lose this authority to levy the additional 2.2 cents, the property tax revenue for the area is projected to decrease \$524,038 from the fiscal year 1983-84 level. I move for the advancement of LB 881.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Nichol just one question and I have not gone through the fiscal note completely but I would assume from what you are saying that this will not change the county budgets at all from what they are. It's only a continued, it really is a continuation. Is that correct?