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a regular college. I would urge you Senators not to accept this amendment and to think about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Come to think of it, looks like that is it. So, thank you, Senator Hoagland. Senator Vickers, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I appreciate Senator Higgins' concerns. As a matter of fact, I agree with her. But there comes a point when you have to be realistic and you have to face the facts and I think the facts are that if we fund this as it probably should be funded, and I will tell you very honestly the way it should be funded is with about \$5 million in it instead of two, about \$5 million instead of \$500,000. And, yes, I think that the young people of this state, the 50 percent of the young people in this state that don't go on to higher education that they are important and that we should be more cognizant of the need for vocational training and that we should be willing to fund it. But this body doesn't have the guts to set the tax rates where they should be to do that. I know it and I think we all know it. So the thing to do is to lower the A bill to the figure where perhaps we can at least make some small recognition of the need to train those young people that are going to be in our work force tomorrow and future years. So I ask you to adopt this amendment or to move the bill back to Select File to adopt an amendment to lower the amount from \$2 million to \$500,000. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is to return the bill for an amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Check your vote button again, it may not have recorded. We are voting on the return of the bill. Have you all voted? Please return to your seats. We are on Final Reading and we may need your votes here in a little bit. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on the motion to return the A bill, Mr. President.

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