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would the bill be a good thing for Nebraska, but it would be a nice recognition of Senator Carpenter who has given so many years of hard work here. Some of those years have been devoted to Omaha and we didn't need all that help, frankly, but I think it would really be a marvelous thing for the state and for Senator Carpenter. I am sure he has done other things for his area, but I am sure this would be one of the greatest and so for Nebraska and for him, I solidly support this bill.

SPEAKER: The chair would also like to recognize the students from ten schools...ten students from the Sidney Public Schools. The teacher is Lee Kennedy. Would you please raise your hand so we can see you and thank you very much, in the north balcony. The chair recognizes Senator Epke.

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I've got a question I would like to ask of one of the Senators and I think that maybe Senator Stahmer might be able to answer this. Would Senator Stahmer yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR EPKE: Senator Stahmer, is there a Resolution being proposed that would make a study of our state colleges and, also, our technical community college program for the interim period.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Epke, I have asked our Budget staff to prepare and work in conjunction with the bill drafter to prepare a Resolution to study the Voc-tech schools and state colleges because I think there is, even with the bill that is now before us on the going from eight to five Voc-Tech schools there. We do have some problems with state colleges and I think we do need a study and I think some members of the Budget Committee agree. So some of us are thinking of a study on Voc-Tech schools and state colleges.

SENATOR EPKE: Well, with this in mind and thinking of the drop in enrollment at our state colleges, our technical college program being somewhat in limbo, it looks to me like we would certainly be foolhardy in taking on another set of buildings out at Hiram Scott which we know...we might be getting the buildings for nothing but we, also, know it is going to be an added expense to our University program. I think we should think about this, maybe, in next year but at this time I think it would be a little bit foolhardy.

SPEAKER: Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, there is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Yes. Mr. President, I move to indefinitely postpone LB 179.

SPEAKER PROUD: Senator Stromer, I believe that, subject to possible correction, that this takes a majority of those voting. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: I think, as has just been mentioned here, I think that the issue we really want to talk about is the fact that as we're examining the proposal in LB 179, I think we need to take a full realization as to what are the needs of the students in Nebraska. We already have seen that in our present institutions of higher education that maybe we are not fully meeting the needs that are being presented. Maybe we do need some new programs, but at this particular time I don't think we know exactly what direction we are going, and exactly what the needs are. I think that in examining this full issue we maybe have overlooked two particular