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amendment. I want to explain to the members, this is eight areas essentially as the present law is, or was generally intended to be I should say for the location of the number of institutions in the counties that would be a part of each respective district, I agreed to offer this amendment when 259 was enacted which had nine districts and I want to be frank with you that I did not agree that this is the desirable configuration, it seems to me, that the five district concept has, a smaller number of administrative units obviously would be more efficient and economical, probably easier to coordinate and there would be a larger tax base in each area. But I am offering the eight district concept if that is the way the majority of the body would like this to have the bill enacted. It does insure that every county is in a technical community college which was required by the passage of 759 in 1971.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I have an amendment on the President's desk. I'm going to offer it at this time. I move to amend the Warner amendment to include six districts which would be the exclusion of the Lincoln Technical Community college as one district and the Omaha Technical Community college as one district and this would be nearly approximating what the committee originally had, namely, they had five areas, this would allow for six, it would allow for the separate one out in the panhandle that some of the Senators out there suggested they did want. I do think it would be more practicable for the State, it would allow for larger tax bases, it would allow for less ways the state money for administrative purposes. I would point out that for instance in the Omaha metropolitan area the combined two areas, together their student enrollment would be only one tenth the size of UN-O. I don't think we need that much administration. This is to a large degree state tax monies. I would point out to you that Mr. Schliegert with the state technical community colleges has pointed out that Omaha and Lincoln are the only two colleges in the nation that he knows of that have yet retain or ever did have the public schools in those areas running them. As a former member of the Omaha School Board, I can point out to you that I think very little time is at hand by their board members to devote to this question and I think we would have better government, we would have more economical government, I think it would better meet the interests of the State and I think that it would be for the best interest of the State so I move to amend his amendment.

SPEAKER: All right, speaking to the Stahmer amendment to the Warner amendment. Senator Carpenter is next.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I have a junior college in my district. Now the problem we have is two-fold. Whether we have five or six or seven or eight or nine districts I don't think makes any difference at all. And when we talk about the economical operation, that's a lot of malarkey. That's just an excuse. Now the whole thing is everybody wants what he's got the way he's got it and the reason they want it that way is because nobody can guarantee they're going to come out with as much as they went in with. I'm interested in only one thing, that we do first, that whatever we do is constitutional, will have the affect and if possible eliminate the law suit that's now pending or might be pending and I don't care what the complexion of the districts are and I don't think anybody else ought to be. If to that extent you'll take the possibility of destroying the enactment of this bill. Now we've got to do something on this bill. We don't have any choice in the matter and to do something that would be completely without the realm of correcting the problem we're confronted, I don't think we ought to do it. Now as far as Omaha is concerned, if they can have their own district, I could care less. But I don't think they ought to be obstinant to the point if they want to