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PRESIDENT: Kelly amendment found on page 1379. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This amendment is necessary in the change over from the local board setting their budget and collecting local taxes. The Central Nebraska Board put in escrow a \$172,000 for land purchase in Hall County. Our budget committee has treated this as cash income, which cause reversal of the decision of the Board prior to being funded at the State level. And caused them to use t his money that's in escrow to operate their school with. This would seem to me to be an inequity against the people that put pu this money through their local taxes and decided on the local level how they wanted to spend this money. And I do believe that we should refund this \$172,000 from the General Fund for the operation of Central Nebraska Tech.

PRESIDENT: The Senator from Sidney.

SENATOR CLARK: Gosh, I even forgot where I was from, Thank you. I'd like to explain to you what this is about, you can vote for it or against it, or whatever you want to do. But actually, at Central Tech, they \$835,000 in back taxes, this year that they didn't want the State to get ahold of. So they spent about \$02,000 on Capital construction. They had \$223,000 left. Then we had \$525,000 in there for capital construction that they had asked for. Now they used the Capital construction money in their operation money if you can imagine such a thing. And then tell us that they are babs in the woods. They didn't know what they were doing. They then took the \$223,000 and spent \$171,000 for land over in Grand Island. And we told that if they wanted a \$171,000 that's in escrow now, just take it out of escrow and spend it. We weren't going to buy it, because it was not our decision in the first place, to do this. I think they have shifted us around about all I want to be shifted. I'm just doing this as a matter of explanation. You can do what you like about it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Kelly amendment?
Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It seems to me that these technical schools which I have one in my district, ought to understand now that this legislature is going to run these technical schools even to the point of earmarking the funds that they get. What Senator Clark has said, I have understood to be the case before and I don't think that this amendment ought to pass. If we allow them to fenagle, this is all it was, they are never going to get over the habit. They have to understand that now they are under state control. They are under the control and direction of this Legislature, and to the extent that we want to give that is all they they are going to get. They shouldn't go by devious means and methods in order to arrive by with holding delinquent taxes. So I would oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Kelly is closing.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. Senator Clark and Senator Carpenter have outlined this question very well except for one very important ingredient. That is that the Technical Community Colleges are well aware that they are no longer local units. That they are under the domination of the State Legislature and the Budget Committee. Central Nebraska Tech did not know this at the time they were using their very own money for their very own purposes by their veryown board. They have