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been swallowed by the State and their very own local money has been taken away from them, and I urge the passage of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the Kelly amendment to LB1057 be adopted. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. Have you all voted to the Kelly amendment to 1057. Once again have you all voted? I'm going to call for the vote Senator Kelly. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Amendment fails. Next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Cavanaugh, and it is not in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This amendment would add one million five to the Metropolitan Technical College general fund appropriation. I don't...I believe that when this Legislature made the commitment to merge Eastern and Omaha they also made a commitment to adequately fund those two programs. And I don't think the Appropriations Committee took proper cognizance of that merger, and the needs and the number of people that they are going to have to serve to adequately provide technical college education in the metropolitan area, and the metropolitan system. I think it's imperative that since we made the commitment to merge them that we provide them with adequate funding to carry on a decent program. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator from South Omaha, Senator Mahoney. Senator Mahoney passes. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: First of all when the merger took place. I'm speaking in opposition of the amendment. When the merger took place we reconsidered the appropriation and added ten new faculty members with fringe benefits, and in addition to that added \$222,117 to purchase equipment from the Omaha Public System. The other point want to make is that the request was put in for this additional money was neither cleared, or it had not cleared at the time of our consideration, either the Area Board or the State Board, so the figures that we are talking about have no approval. And did not at the time we made our recommendations. Had no approval of these two boards.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, this is not an unreasonable request. This is the request that was brought about by the merger. One of the biggest for the merger was the fact that there was no state funds to provide for the Technical School there as in others. May I read to you the Legislative list of recommendations. For the Technical Schools. Western. This is General Fund money. Western: 1,500,000. Mid Plains 1,130,000. Central 2,700,000 North East 1,244,000. Southeast 1,861,000 Eastern 53,000 Omaha 219,000. So you can see that each and every technical school is at the level almost that Senator Cavanaugh proposed the number of students to be served obviously is going to be