

May 9, 1979

LB 262, 363

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

Mr. President, Senator Newell would like to print amendments to LB 262. (See pages 1970-1972 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first order of business this afternoon is item #6, LB 363, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 363.) The bill was first read, Mr. President, on... It was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File with committee amendments. Mr. President, Senator Koch has amendments pending to the committee amendments and I understand he wishes to take those up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, first of all, the background on this legislation comes from a legislative resolution introduced by this body last session, LR 278, LR 279. There was extensive recommendation presented to this body. It has been placed in the hands of each member. The members of this committee constituted of the Education Committee: Senator Lewis, Senator Fitzgerald, Senator Koch; from the Appropriations Committee: Senator Warner, Senator Savage and Senator Cope and at large: Senator Cullan and Senator Hefner. The background on this bill in committee is basically this and I will be very brief. There were several members of the committee who obviously had concerns about the future of community colleges, whether or not they are going to be state controlled, local controlled, et cetera. After a great deal of deliberation and a number of amendments that were offered, primarily by Senator Beutler, it was obvious the bill wasn't going to move any place. The chairman of the committee, finally, after some frustration, voted to send the Beutler amendments to the floor which are what we call the committee amendments but I have to make that known because I felt that the community colleges, particularly the essence of the resolutions had to be discussed if there is going to be any integrity in interim studies and many of us have attended those meetings faithfully throughout the State of Nebraska when we could have been doing some other things. But basically what the amendments do and I placed a copy of them on