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so ineffective due to our external influence that they could not carry on a viable, flexible opportunity for the areas they serve. I have as an individual, I have some mixed emotions occasionally about community colleges. In fact, I had a bill drafted this session on state control of community colleges but the more I got to looking at it the more I realized that this is absolutely diametrically opposed to my position on community colleges. I believe in the area concept because only then can an area take care of its needs but I do believe what we need now is this council to absolutely coordinate that whole effort in terms of programs, in terms of budgets, in terms of other data which are necessary. This body then, I am sure the Appropriations Committee and others and the Education Committee can make a more reliable judgement based upon that information because certainly out of those twelve members, they are not all going to be in agreement and there no doubt will be the majority and the minority opinions as it affects the community colleges of the State of Nebraska. Therefore, if we believe in interim studies and if the members who served on that interim study committee and diligently did this, if we say that in order to try to bring the community colleges back into some degree of uniformity in terms of how they function, programs that they offer, then we need this council and I submit to you that \$80,000, possibly \$2,000 more is not an ineffective amount of money to bring about the things we are talking about in relationship to this council and I would ask for you to support the council, its concept as reported by the interim study committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: With respect to the portion that deals with the council.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, sir. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would. Mr. Speaker, may I ask Senator Koch a question, please?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.