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keep the plane running when we were out there talking about you are going to offer only technical schools situations but I am telling you, we have got a problem out at Western and we have got to address it one way or another. The addressing is not for us to give them continually more money disproportionately in this Legislature. The issue is not for the state to take over that responsibility because we are well past that issue. I propose that we accept the committee report and, Senator Koch, I want to get you off the hook on it, I made the initial report in my final days as chairman of that committee that this was a viable solution agreed to by the Western board. What I think we ought to do is adopt this amendment, move it over and then sit down and talk about how we can fairly and honestly approach this issue. If we don't adopt this amendment I am prepared to offer the amendment to eliminate Western as one of the five community technical areas and combine them with North Platte and I think a lot of people in here will vote for that and if that is what we want to do, let's get with it. The option belongs to the people out there and for Sam Cullan to stand on this floor and suggest he doesn't want western Nebraska to be treated differently, then I can give him item after item, et cetera after et cetera of how we do treat western Nebraska differently in terms of funding and money. Mr. President, obviously by my remarks I rise to support the Koch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, have you been recognized?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, fellow colleagues, I object to making special exemptions for local government to raise the mill levy and to raise property taxes by the local board. If it is good for us this awesome power is good for everybody and I would like to thank Senator Lewis for the \$500,000 and I would like to say, Senator Lewis, I am prepared to offer an amendment to combine Southeast and Metro Tech as one board if you feel combining is going to help out. I would like to ask that you do not support the Koch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I despise Frank Lewis for having stolen 50% of my speech and the flip flop of Cullan last year needing special recognition in Western, this year, be sure they are all the