

the flexibility to be able to construct relatively minor projects through this half mill sinking fund. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, very briefly, I think this solves the concerns that we have about unnecessary and unwarranted growth in the technical community college system and possible new campuses that would be constructed in the state if we just granted them the mill levy authority with no restrictions whatsoever. I feel comfortable that with this amendment that we are not giving the technical community colleges a blank check. We are allowing them reasonable growth for small improvements and small additions to their facilities but this is a clear message to them, to the people of the State of Nebraska, that we have enough campuses in the State of Nebraska now. We have enough facilities. Let's develop the programs. Let's serve the people and let's not unnecessarily burden the property tax. I am pleased that the amendment has been accepted and would hope that you would adopt the amendment and I will be pleased to support the bill if this amendment is adopted.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Keyes, did you want to talk on this amendment? Well, not the amendment, all right. Senator Kelly, did you want to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can cover what I want to by talking to the amendment and it would cause me to be sure to get an understanding of what it is that is happening in the central district, Central Community College, as it would affect the cutting back on the construction money for construction and bond retirement as it would affect the bond payments from the old defunct Columbus whatever it was, Platte County Community College, that was handed to all of the counties in central Nebraska without their permission and I believe that this bill, including the Cullan amendment or the Dworak amendment, prohibits any growth of any kind in central district based on the fact that all of the monies that would be available will be used to pay off those bonds for the City of Columbus or for the people of the City of Columbus, whereby all of the other counties and other peoples in the central district would be without any improvement in technical community college in that area and this is the same proposal that we have debated maybe about the third year in a row and now it seems to have some type of a consensus and so that would make me believe that what I am saying is wrong and I would ask