

that we believe economic development is worth more than the education of a youngster who, through his own fault, or maybe through the fault of coming from the kind of a family that doesn't push education, or a family with a lot of problems does not encourage their children to study and to learn in high school? If you are going to talk about economic development and where that money goes, more than 16 million, who is going to do the work if you don't have youngsters trained in something other than reading the classics? Is all we are interested in in the State of Nebraska how many attorneys we can grind out of the universities each year, how many CPA's, how many doctors? We already have LB 407 saying, my God, we don't want any more people licensed as professionals. We don't need any more professionals, that is what the purpose of LB 407 is, so that we don't have any more professional people. The lawyers...you can look in the yellow pages of the Omaha phone book, they run page, after page, after page. But economic development begins with the education of people who are going to be working, doing the tedious jobs, not the jobs that most of us currently think of as white collar jobs. Sure, they will be teaching computers in vocational education. Right now we are finding out that many of the big businesses that got big on computers and microchips are going broke because there are too many of them in the business. Vocational education gives a child, who has been a failure in high school, sometimes the incentive just when he gets that little certificate in his hand saying I succeeded in this. It saves him from the feeling of failure. I want to see you get a college graduate out, when your sink gets plugged, and tell him to fix it. If you want to talk about auto mechanics, any of you who have paid two, three and four times to have the same thing fixed, you know we've got people out there that needed some vocational training or some kind of training in how to fix an automobile. We are not giving it to anybody right now, except in the community colleges, the technical community colleges that is. Senators, if you look at your committee report you will find that the Nebraska technical community colleges endorse this bill. They didn't come out and say we want it all just for the Nebraska technical community colleges. They are endorsing it for the high schools as well. I guess they have an interest in youngsters and we have an interest in money. It will be interesting to see, when the appropriations bills all arrive at the end of the session, where our priorities lie. Economic development, I