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would look at a little bit further. This was one of those. The Appropriations Committee has allocated \$36,000 to the State Board of Trustees so that the State Board of Trustees can upgrade the staffing for Chadron State College in the Scottsbluff office. Now there apparently are some shared efforts between Chadron State College and the Western Community Technical College out of the Scottsbluff office. It seemed to me as I...and there are just some shared applications that exist right now. It seemed to me that, by upgrading the funding of the State Board of Trustees to the Scottsbluff office, we were continuing to erode the basic role and mission statement that we have that differentiates our state colleges from our University system from our vocational technical school system. I have felt, over the years, that one of the causes of government inefficiency and government waste has been willingness, the all too willingness of our state colleges, our universities and our vocational technical schools to take on tasks that essentially belong to the other post secondary education institution. So when I saw this \$36,000 addition to upgrade the staffing in the office for Chadron State College, in Scottsbluff, I said, after looking at it, that I felt this tended to continue to erode the distinction between the vocational technical schools and the state colleges as set out in the role and mission statement. And I said it seemed to me that this kind of increase was not warranted. So I offered an amendment to take a small \$36,000 out of the LB 722.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Scofield on the Johnson amendment.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to oppose the Johnson amendment. I would direct some questions at Senator Johnson for that purpose.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson is available.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Johnson, do you know how long Chadron State College has been serving the Scottsbluff area?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well I think the office began about eight years ago.