

asking for anything new in construction. It is simply because of the fact of the decrease in valuation. Community colleges are set with a mill levy limit and it is not the same as a school budget or a subdivision budget where they just ask for so much money, and this is where the problem is. Also point out the loss of \$128,000 in federal funds, the cut that we took last year. It is simply cutting the heart right out of these community colleges. And I can give you exactly what, as an example, I know a lot of you seem to have the fear of going from 7 to 12 cents. We don't want to be back in here again next year, the same thing, hopefully not, but I will start in, the total mill levy that we are talking about in Southeast is .0565; Metro is .0463; Northeast, .0508; Central, .07, they are right up to the limit right now; Mid-Plains .0716, Mid-Plains and Western now can do this;...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...and .0951 again for the Scottsbluff College. The thing of this is, also note the increase in liability insurance, a big factor, and if we cut our colleges out, and my own college, in the tune of \$500,000, it is simply not large enough to absorb it. And for Senator Lamb's amendment, it is a eight-tenths of a cent, I mean of a mill. It is a very limited amount of increase that these...and it is rounded off at that figure and I hope you support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Gavel) May we have order in the Chamber please. There is entirely too much conversation for us to be able to hear the speakers. Senator Vickers. Speaking order is this, Senators Hartnett, Smith, Morehead, Haberman, Higgins, Goll, and Abboud. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Lamb amendment to 796. Senator Lamb indicated that this amendment is one that was offered in the Education Committee. The Education Committee turned it down. I urge the body to turn it down as well. And the reasons are very simple, I think they have been outlined pretty well by Senator Smith and Senator Nelson, but let me speak to you a little bit, first of all, about what the tech schools are and what they do. I want to remind you that the tech schools are the locally controlled, locally served higher education facility in this state, and to answer Senator