

Abboud's concerns about coordination, there is a lot more coordination in higher education that is not at perhaps the level that most of us see, but there is a lot more coordination goes on than most of us are aware of, and I will give you an example of that. You can reside in McCook, Nebraska, you can never ever set foot on the Kearney State campus, and yet you can get a degree from Kearney State College, and how can you do that, you might ask. Well, you do it because of coordination between Kearney State College and Mid-Plains Technical School. You can stay right there at McCook, go to the Mid-Plains facility in McCook, and yet take courses that will get you a degree from Kearney State College. There is a lot of coordinated...and it requires coordination, by the way, before that can happen, maybe not coordination at the level that makes the papers, maybe not coordination at the level that we see, but it certainly is coordination. I will also tell you, I will also tell you that Senator Abboud and those of you who are concerned about coordination, as I am as well, had ought to be very happy with a bill that is my priority bill that will be coming up later that will raise that coordination level to the level where we all will be more aware of it and that is we will start the process of trying to have some coordination quite frankly at the policy-making level. Now about the amendment, if you want to have another bill introduced next year and the year after that in order to try to get enough funds to operate those systems at Mid-Plains and Western, then go ahead and vote the Lamb amendment because that is exactly what you will have. Those two schools are very close to the limit right now. They are very close to hitting that 4.2 that is in the bill. So they are not going to have an awful lot of leeway even with the 5 cents. Now, remember, it takes a two-thirds vote of the board. Remember, also, that we cut state aid to those institutions and we will probably cut it again this year. I am guessing we are not going to have the funds, we are not going to have any choice. Remember, also, that those schools, all the tech schools, particularly in rural Nebraska are doing some unique things right now that are requiring some additional efforts on their part, such as, the farmers program that they have offered for financial counseling for individual farmers and ranchers which I will tell you has been a real success, and a lot of people are taking advantage of it. It is a system that responds to the needs within their communities. I think they need to have the ability to respond to those needs. I don't think the eight-tenths of a