

cent that Senator Lamb is attempting to take out is going to quite frankly make an awful lot of difference except that it will require another bill in a year or two, probably to go back up to that 5 cents. So I would urge you to reject the Lamb amendment. I would urge you to vote to advance LB 796, and I want to remind those of you from the Metro area, from the Omaha Metropolitan area, this doesn't affect your school at all, and let me emphasize again why it doesn't.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: The fact of the matter is when you have got a levy limit, it obviously is reflected by the dollars worth of valuation. Well, your valuation in the Metro area isn't dropping like it is across the rest of the state. Land valuations are going down. They are dropping dramatically, and unless we expect those tech schools in the rural areas of this state to have to reduce their operations considerably, then we had better give them the authority to have a little more of a levy capacity in order to stay even, in order to stay even. Now if you don't want us to stay even, if you want us to be somehow second class citizens out there, then keep the levy limit the same, reject the bill. But what you are saying to us, what you are saying to us when you do that is that we are going to be able to operate our school at Metro the same and you are not out there. That is what you are saying. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, if Senator Nelson or Senator Vickers could answer a question for me, I guess that is where I am coming from. How much has the tuition raised at the technical schools over the years? Do you have that or is that in the material that Senator Smith passed out. Senator Smith is back on the floor. How much has it raised, the tuition?

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Hartnett, I do have that. In '84-85, the tuition was increased 13 percent. That should maybe answer your question.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: And, incidentally, Metro does not want this and they do not need this.