

SENATOR HARTNETT: I understand that. I guess where I am coming from is I guess that I see "creepyism" or something like that, is that we are allowing agencies or groups and so forth to keep raising their property tax. You know, and you say, well, and I think a statement that you made, Senator Nelson, was that, you know, people really watch that. Well, to me they don't because I think my experience, and I guess I am a typical Nebraskan, is that we simply look at the big numbers and the big numbers usually come from the public school or cities or SIDs that I live in and the not the small numbers, but the small numbers to me keep creeping up higher and higher, and we really don't pay any attention to it. Last year the area that was the biggest raise for me was my fire district and that rose 75 percent, but in a whole rash of numbers, it was really not very high. And I guess I didn't really realize because Metro Tech does not have athletic programs, how do they pay for their athletic programs that some of the technical schools have? I thought technical schools were schools for people who went after...were not the normal students that could attend Hastings or Kearney or someplace else, that simply attended at night, and why do they need the athletic program and how do they pay for it? I guess that is another question one of you can answer. And why do we need one?

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I am sorry, I can't tell you, but to my knowledge my community college does not have athletic programs.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think some do.

SENATOR NELSON: They may have. They may play a little basketball in the evening or something but I cannot honestly respond to that but I certainly have never heard of any programs. Some of them may do that. And incidentally another point that I want to make to this, too, is you will see maybe tole painting offering or some other vocational training. In every case that is paid for by tuition. That is not paid for through property tax dollars. I think that...I don't want to get off of Senator Hartnett's question. Incidentally, may I correct, I got cut off the last time I spoke, right quick, I oppose Howard Lamb's amendment simply because Western College needs that