

other, I guess, question, Senator Smith says this is temporary but you know I am not sure that is true either because, as she stated, there is a bill here that would I guess adjust levies downward as valuations go upward but that bill has not been passed yet, and I don't see anything temporary about that even if this passes because it is not going to push this back again. So the temporary part of it I don't see except for the fact that we do have a deadline when all property tax should be removed from the support of community technical colleges. However, there was a bill in the Education Committee the other day which would remove that sunset and, however, in committee we did amend it to just extend the sunset I think to 1992. So to say that this is temporary I really believe would be stretching it. I would just direct your attention to the fiscal note and you will notice that Southeast, under the bill, the total increase would be from 6.9 million which can be levied now, and the fiscal note says it could go up to 11.9 million. So we are talking about nearly doubling in a number of the community technical colleges as far as local property tax is concerned. When I came into the Legislature, I had two things on my mind and that has been quite awhile ago. One thing is I didn't like the local city sales tax and I have not been able to do anything about that except I did get a bill through that made the people vote on it. The other one I had was I wanted to get the community technical colleges funded by the state General Fund and have not had any success at that at all. There was a time when Governor Thone was Governor I thought maybe I could get it done but I couldn't even get it done then. So my prospects have been pretty slender because it seems to me that all postsecondary educational systems should be funded in the same manner which is from the state General Fund rather than property tax. So this little amendment I have is only something to battle what Senator Hartnett mentioned. It is a good new word. I think he just coined it, "creepyism", "creepyism". I have not heard that before but he is a doctor so I assume that is in the dictionary. If not, I think it means property tax creeping up. So in my area this amendment would keep the property tax for technical community colleges from creeping up from 4.2 to 5, or from the total of 11.2 to 12 cents per \$100 and that is the reason I introduced this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Now the next speaker, I recognize Senator Abboud. The question has been called. Or