

should be offered at the university level to avoid duplication, to avoid administrative costs which adds to the overall property tax burden in the state. Now, why is LB 802 so significant in the overall scheme of educational philosophy dealing with coordination among higher education? Well, if you take some time, take a look at LB 802. It is a rather simple bill. It is easy to understand. It just extends the property tax levy that can be levied or property taxes that can be levied by a community college. Now, in the fiscal note it listed the overall property taxes that were levied throughout the State of Nebraska in 1983-84 as being \$22,747,000. At the present time they have increased to 24 million and 75 million dollars (sic), and they are budgeted in the future here...or, excuse me, that was '84-85 was 24 million, and they are budgeted for the '85-86 year to be approximately \$25 million. And in figures that I have here it will increase most likely at the same rate, at a certain...at the same rate. Now, I see this as an opportunity, I see this as a real opportunity to try to get the technical colleges together with the University and the state colleges in getting a coordination among the different groups so that we can have more coordination with higher education.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would announce there is one minute left for total debate. Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR ABBOD: Thank you. This bill itself, this bill itself I don't feel, at least according to the bill itself, it really doesn't need to be passed this particular year. It doesn't...the sunset provisions, the sunset provisions provide that we could go ahead and take a look at this next year in the overall...and then figure in what the overall scheme of what the tech colleges and how they fit into higher education in the State of Nebraska. The bill doesn't have to be passed in this particular year. If you will look at the fiscal note, it says that we can wait until 1987 or '88 in order to take care of this particular problem. So we can take care of this particular problem at this time...or we don't have to take care of this particular problem at this time. My belief is that because of this lack of maybe encouragement by the Legislature, the different groups haven't gotten together and made a firm decision on how we should go about getting higher education organized in the state.