

the mechanism whenever they thought that the appropriations was available or for whatever purpose. But because the committee did decide on 1992, the amendment that I have got up there would try and change the 1988 date on line 13, page 2 to 1992. Now the philosophical question is whether or not the tech schools had ought to have the ability to levy a property tax at all, and there are those, of course, that believe they should not. Now I understand their position. I happen to think that at least right now this Legislature is certainly not in a position to take on the funding totally, if you agree with that philosophy that they had ought not to levy a property tax. On the other hand, if you think that it is an area school, that it is somewhat locally controlled and locally operated, then perhaps a property tax is appropriate, I belong in the second philosophy. But be that as it may, because we did begin the process recently of a biennial appropriation process, the 1988 date is too quick because next year this Legislature is going to be adopting an appropriation for '87 and '88 both, the initial appropriation. So I think it is appropriate that we set the date back to the 1992 date that the committee agreed on in 802 and I would move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, please. She passes. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I do have problems with Senator Vickers amendment, but in addition to that, I have problems with the bill itself. I won't be supporting the amendment. I don't think that... I think it is probably typical or I guess that I should have expected that the amendment would be adopted onto LB 796, and I think it is pretty typical of the whole attitude and the approach towards higher education in the State of Nebraska. We will just kind of keep moving along, keep on making the same mistakes we have made in the past until a crisis occurs, and then we will have to adjust and come in with some new legislation. I don't feel the tech colleges at this point in time in discussion with tech colleges back in my district, or the tech college back in my district really feel at this time that there is a need for consolidation of higher education or, quite frankly, to even look at the question of consolidation of higher education. I think that is unfortunate. I think we are building small fiefdoms out there with the university, the state colleges, and the