

technical colleges, and I think the only one that really is harmed by the whole situation is the taxpayer because they are having to pay for duplicated administrative cost. I was hoping that Senator Johnson was here to...he had an amendment dealing with LB 796 and there were some amendments that were supposed to be added but I think we will probably just wait until the next round and attempt to add the amendments at that time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Vickers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Very briefly, Mr. President, because Senator Abboud has raised the issue of all of higher education and the direction that they are going, I want to tell Senator Abboud that I would expect him to be one of the first green votes on LB 1172, my personal priority bill, when it gets to the floor because it does set up the mechanism that everybody in here talks about about trying to plan and to coordinate higher education. That is what LB 1172 is all about and I will tell Senator Abboud and anybody else that is listening that the tech schools are supporting 1172, at least that is what they have told us in the committee and that is what they told me personally. I agree with Senator Abboud, it is time that all of higher education is able to plan collectively, together, so that we know what we are doing, but that is not the issue with 796. We will deal with that issue when we get to 1172. Right now we need to continue what we do have and that is what 796 is all about. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Vickers' amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now we are back to the advancement of the bill. Senator Nelson, the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR NELSON: I just move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Morehead.