

Nebraska. But it is irritating to me when I see figures dealing with total expenditures made by tech colleges throughout the State of Nebraska that I feel should be pointed out to this body and understand what is, in fact, going on at the local political level with property taxes. You have on your desk a handout that is marked with Senator Vard Johnson's initials, and I handed out for Senator Johnson since he isn't in the Chamber at this time. I would like you to look at the last figure there dealing with 1985-1986 estimated revenue, as well as expenditures and total taxes. If you look at the last category there, you will note that on the second line it deals with state aid or General Fund appropriations given to state technical community colleges and you will note that there was a reduction because of LB 1 that we passed during the last special session that reduced the expenditures given to state colleges. Now if you look just above that dealing with local taxes, you will note that there is an increase of 6.4 percent, and if you will look down at the bottom of the column there, you will note that there is a total expenditures for the estimated '85-86 budget year of a 5.1 percent increase. Now it is my understanding that we are in a crisis situation in the State of Nebraska, and I guess it isn't fair to point out just to the technical colleges, technical community colleges, when it is happening throughout the state with all political subdivisions. The fact is that they are increasing their budgets at a time when state government realizes that there is a crisis out there, and as a result of it, they are reducing the amount of state expenditures, and I don't think it is fair to the taxpayers of this state to have this disorganization or disunity among all the different expenditures or all the different local political subdivisions or schools throughout the State of Nebraska. I think that at this time they should be holding the line on their budgets. I don't think there should be increases in expenditures. Everyone knows that we need education in the State of Nebraska, and those people over at the University, over on the Lincoln campus, as well as those over at UN-O realize that we need good quality education. The students realize it. The parents of the students realize it, but difficult decisions have had to be made by the Legislature and I think part of the point of discussing LB 796 is the fact that tech colleges just haven't been paying attention that there is a crisis in the State of Nebraska. Now, my criticism is directed towards my local tech college as well as all the other tech colleges