

throughout the State of Nebraska, but I do think that this is not the time or actually even the place considering that we've had to make these difficult decisions, but they're not being made by the local political subdivisions as well as the tech colleges. Unfortunately, I will not be able to vote for the advancement of LB 796 and I urge the other members to do likewise. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett, then Senator Peterson.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'd like to ask either Senator Smith or Senator Nelson a question, if they would respond to it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Which one would you like?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I don't care, either one of the fine young ladies.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, I don't care either. Senator Nelson, we'll let you...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Whoever knows the answer, maybe. Maybe I'll ask the question and...what is the tuition that is charged at the Central Community College? Do you know, Arlene, or Jackie?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I can respond to that. \$24.00 and I think the state colleges are \$29.00, so I think it is a comparable tuition.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess that's the point I was going to make. That was going to be my next question was asked, what do they pay at the...at Kearney or something, which would be the area that would compete for the students. I guess, if the pay or for the tuition was the same, I really would not have any problems with it because I think that our technical college in the Omaha area offer college classes for college credit and so I think the pay, the amount that the students pay should be the same so that, that...I think that's a revenue, a source of revenue that the technical schools should look at is raising their tuition rather than raising property tax because I think we've kind of, in this Legislature, has kind of looked at user's fees and this is