

analysis, then it will probably take two years to pass the legislation because it will be tough sledding, it will be a knock-down, drag-out fight. It will be worse than the 407 licensing review processes. It won't be easy. But I think that we should make a commitment in our heart of hearts, as Senator Haberman would say, to having postsecondary education thoroughly analyzed, critiqued, developed and legislated by 1990. Thus, I suggest a 1990 sunset. This particular amendment I offer is one that provides some breathing space for those community colleges close to the line, sets the sunset at 1990, is responsible and should be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, Senator Johnson is correct that I did meet with Senator Johnson yesterday afternoon. We talked about this particular bill. We talked about what we could do perhaps to resolve our differences, and Senator Johnson did send out to you and you have on your desk a handout. I just want to point out to you that Senator Johnson is mistaken in a couple places in his handout. First of all, and Senator Johnson knows this, we talked about it this morning. We talked about a change yesterday, but we said we had to go talk to our folks before we could really discuss whether or not we agreed. It is not, not totally true that it now has the concurrence of the representatives of the Legislature of the voc community colleges because of some concerns that we have and let me outline for you what those are. Secondly, the language that Senator Johnson has in his letter to "Dear Colleague," that says that we ask in LB 796 for blanket authorization for the 12 cents is not totally, totally the case because we were using the same procedures of the increase over the seven with a super majority vote of the board. So it wasn't really a blanket authorization to go to 12 cents. That was not the original intent of 796. It is not what 796 says right now. The concern that we have is that the purpose of 796, no question about it, is to move a line from here to there, the line being the levy limitation that we're running right smack up against and if we're going to continue to operate a system of education in our state, as we know it now, not increasing it, but if we want to continue offering a system of education that is anywhere close to what we know now, that line is going to have to be moved. Secondly, the