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have the best of both worlds with state tax support and property tax support it all and that kind of makes it, if we pass this, to me, at least, it makes it the worst of all possible worlds for the taxpayer. So I guess I would urge you to reject the amendment and just keep saying to yourself, \$504,000? Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I would ask your support for the amendment understanding that it is \$504,000, it's a lot of money. But I also think that there is a reason to consider this. Senator Baack talked about the fact that we have a salary increase and pay for it through state funds for the state colleges and for the university but we did nothing for the tech colleges. One of the problems with the tech colleges is they are always kind of forgotten when we deal with higher education because of the fact they are partly state funded and partly private. I shouldn't say private but property tax supported. As a result, they end up with a situation where we just assume the property tax will take care of their needs. My concern is that we did provide for that increased property tax support but their needs are far greater than even what we provided in that bill when you think about the economic development potential they hold for us. They have great need in terms of job training. There is a lot of concern about how we are going to provide for job training, how we haven't been putting the money in the budget that we need to in that area particularly. And so I am raising that issue as one that has a great deal of impact on our future in this state and would ask support for this amendment because of that concern particularly that I have to have the adequate funding of the tech colleges there in a solid financial base so that they can help us as our economy grows.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is another half a million dollar item that I suppose we can slop in here this afternoon but, you know, we did 796 which was to authorize an additional property tax mill levy to the vocational technical schools, community colleges and I thought that was quite a generous bill and now for us to go ahead and decide to increase our aid to these vocational technical community colleges, it seems to me just simply adds more fuel to a fire. One of these times...we could have even started this