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SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall we be adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed no. Machine vote has been asked for. All those in favor of adjourning till nine o'clock tomorrow morning vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 15 nays to adjourn, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: We are not adjourned. We are still back on an amendment. Senator Nelson was next up on the amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, agree, \$504,000. But might I tell you that the community colleges last year did not give a raise to their employees, most of them. This year they are facing the Court of Industrial Relations. So I am sure that probably what will happen is we have to make up our mind which pocket it comes out of and if we do not fund this increase, I am sure it is probably inevitable and it will have to come again from the property taxpayers. Hopefully, the colleges can tighten the belt some more but I think this is probably where it will have to come from. Thanks.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Lundy, please, on the amendment.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, I call the previous question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The previous question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? The vote is to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate has ceased. Now we are back to...Senator Wesely, are you going to close on the amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I will start off and then Senator Baack can have some time. Let me just be real brief. This amendment would provide for state funding of the 3 percent salary increase for tech community colleges as is provided for by the bill already for state colleges and the University. It is just an attempt to be fair in terms of our support for the higher education institutions of the state across the board. Obviously, with the passage of LB 796, the increased property