

he can hear your response. Thank you.

CLERK: Senator Abboud.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have a request for a reverse order too. All right.

CLERK: Excuse me, Senator. (Read the roll call vote as found on page 192 of the Legislative Journal.) 19 ayes, 24 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on it?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Vickers.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

CLERK: Senator Vickers would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 158 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment that I offer to you is an amendment that I referred to last week when this bill was being debated on Select File. During the midst of the debate when we were making the decision as to what the specific cuts should be to the University of Nebraska and to the state colleges, I indicated to you at that time that I was very uncomfortable with the position that this body seemed to be taking in relationship to higher education and that is that we were going to treat higher education at the state colleges and at the University in one fashion but we were not going to treat higher education in the community colleges and the tech schools in that same fashion. It seems to me that when we make those arguments and they were made last week very successfully that higher education is, in fact, economic development, that we totally ignore the fact that as far as most of our economic development is concerned the dependency on the tech schools is very great. The dependency by industry when they choose to locate in this state or locate in a locality on the technical community system to educate those people who they are going to need in their operation