

activity that everybody in the State of Nebraska wants. You are talking about satellite communication, and a video classroom, and everybody, you know, Columbus to Hebron, from Falls City to Hemmingford, from Sioux City to McCook, every entity in higher education wants a piece of this action. And I guess I disagree with Senator Coordsen, is that I am not saying it shouldn't be done, but this just enters into the argument that there are things out there that are of such high priority, of such importance, some of these local governing boards in higher education or even state governing boards in higher education ought to try and find a way to fund these activities within existing funds and make them a higher priority.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: And I have argued time and time again over the years that just because you want something new, you don't necessarily need new money to do it. You know, this is a very small amount. It is one of those things that I would like to think, even though we have passed bills to help Western Community College out, and they are indeed in trouble, this is one of those things with the other activity this floor has done I think they ought to try and find themselves. That is over and above the argument of Senator Coordsen using the contingency fund money to fund this program. So on both accounts, I rise to oppose Senator Coordsen's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. I will now recognize Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Chizek, and Hillman. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Again, I do, I guess, or I have, I guess, accumulated a rather parochial view of the Employment Security Contingency Fund, Special Contingent Fund, over the last few years as Chairman of Business and Labor. I think perhaps a little reminder at this time as to where the money comes from. The money in the contingency fund comes from fines and interest on delinquent payments on unemployment by employers. Several years ago it accumulated to a fund of approximately \$3 million. Prior to that time, it had been used to fund many of the operations of the Department of Labor and rightfully so, and this had been the only use of it. In the last several years, it came to be viewed as an opportunity to find money that we weren't...to find...fund programs that we weren't really anxious to fund out of the