

willing to do that. But I do not understand why you want to exclude the technical community colleges from the lid provisions in this bill and treat them differently than any of the other local subdivisions, when, in actuality, whereas we held all other aid to local subdivisions this year, in the bills we passed this morning, to the NRDs, the cities, and the counties, all their aid from the state has been held flat, and unless their local government that has a sales tax that today, at least, is exempt from the lid, they don't have a whole lot of room to work with. Whereas the technical community colleges do have an increase of about...over \$1 million for the biennium right now. I guess my argument is this, that if you adopt the Schimek amendment, the counties will be next, the cities will be after that, and the NRDs will soon follow in haste. And I think if you treat the technical community colleges this way, you are going to have to treat them as well. Now if you do not want a lid in this bill, let's don't have one. I think that, you know, the technical community colleges are crying to be treated like K-12 education, and if they want to have a permanent lid, I am certainly willing to grant their request, but I don't think they want that. I think they want the best of both worlds. I think that is why they brought this amendment here. I think they should have to live with the same lid as other forms of local government. They should not be treated like K-12 education. They have had an increase in state aid this year. I think this amendment...I remember there was a handout passed out on General File, I do not have that in front of me now, as far as when this kicked in. I think it's developed for a couple of particular community colleges in the State of Nebraska and it is things like this that maybe we need to once and for all, when Senator Lamb brings his bill in the future, as to how are we going to treat this animal. If we are going to treat it like higher education, then let's buy it out and have it totally state funded. If we are going to treat it like K-12, let's treat it like K-12 all the way through, and all the way through the nineties, make them keep a lid. Obviously, I am opposed to Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to direct the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Speaker Baack are 10 students from Garden County High School in Oshkosh, Nebraska. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber this afternoon. Thank you. Speaking order now is Senator Robinson, Lamb, Bernard-Stevens, Rasmussen, Schimek, and Moore.