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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK, so the Attorney General said that no technical or community college can sell any property without the approval of the legislature.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK. Well I will oppose this bill until there are some provisions made in it for public notice and public hearing prior to sale and acquisition. This is a very broadly written power that you have given the tech colleges. I think that it is broader than the Board of Regents at the University or any other state agency. It says may acquire and hold title to real estate, personal property and sell, convey or lease such property. This is pretty general language and pretty broad powers to preclude the normal requirements that we contain in other statutes and impose on any other state agency. I think that they should be included in here or the tech colleges should be put under the general statutes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, let me explain that bill a little bit. The problem is that the only thing that the community technical schools are impowered to sell would be those projects that have been constructed and build by students in a regular class room situation as indicated by the committee amendment. Obviously that is a very delineative power that we are giving them and it is for the purpose of having the projects build and sold and I assume that the materials are then repurchased to continue the cycle onward as a learning experience on the site kind of situations engaged in electrical work, carpentry and so forth. I would hope that this bill wouldn't become bigger than it is. So I would think that the controls that Senator Cavanaugh are looking for are already in there. I think that he maybe has not read the amendment to see that it is a very delineative type of power and it is simply a mechanical process for selling off those houses that you have constructed, or whatever you have constructed for educational purposes and I hope that we could advance the bill and leave quickly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I read the amendment it says, "may acquire" does this mean purchase as well as sell? And if we purchase, with what dollars? Does this need to have an A bill?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Because the property if it were, it could be purchased for a dollar, say some particular person within the neighborhood wanted to donate a lot to the college. Legally they would probably pay the dollar, but there is no money involved at all. The fact is that it is a school project that has been going on for years, but the legal point is that it is on their property and it must be clarified in this type of language only....it is only those that are built and as far