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it is only a real good amendment to the bill, the amended bill as now before you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Kremer's amendment. Record your vote. This is the adoption of the amendment itself. Well, Senator Kremer's amendment, yes. Record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Kremer's amendment, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Koch now moves to amend: (Read Koch's amendment found on page 1625 of the Journal.) That's offered by Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, this amendment is essential. I passed out to you this morning a copy of the area community colleges and their programs. The last page you will notice has to do with their fiscal year. It begins in September. As you know, it is certified and then their monies they collect for capital construction take place over a period of actually two years. So this would allow and I'm thinking particularly of Metro since we have given them a privilege, this would allow them to collect that amount of money levied for this purpose into the following year to the extent that their fiscal year ends and it has to be there otherwise they will come up short of the monies which they anticipate for building construction and capital construction. That's exactly what it is. It allows them that extra half year. If you will look at that graph sheet on the page of the hand-out I gave you, the last page. They have to have this in order to meet their obligations. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? Oh, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Koch. Senator Koch, you're not amending the existing law to extend that deadline, are you?

SENATOR KOCH: All I'm asking for is they get to be able to collect the money they have levied for capital construction. Otherwise, the way it is, they would be cut off and 1980 would be their last day yet they would have levied money which had been collected in 1981. They would not be able to go beyond that period when that fiscal year ends, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: So you are just allowing them to expend the monies that they have collected legally under LB 344 and nothing more?

SENATOR KOCH: That's correct.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay. You're not extending their ability to tax?

SENATOR KOCH: No.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, I have no problem with that.

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