

SENATOR KOCH: Because they would have set that budget in the preceding year, Senator Cullan, but they will collect part of it in the next succeeding year.

PRESIDENT: There are other lights but Senator Kremer, do you wish to be heard on this? Or Senator Newell? All right. The question is the adoption of the amendment to the amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Koch's amendment. Mr. President, Senator Lamb now moves to amend the Cullan-Marvel amendments. (Read Lamb amendment found on pages 1625 and 1626 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment would eliminate the property tax for operation of community technical colleges after June 30, 1980. This frankly incorporates LB 339 which I introduced last year into the bill. We hear much about the excessive property tax in the state at this time. This is my attempt to lower the property tax for everyone in the state. Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure anyone is listening. I wonder if we could have a little more order. Are you listening? Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb inquires if anyone is listening. All right. The Chair declares there are more listening than aren't, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. I appreciate that very much.

PRESIDENT: That's better than I've ever gotten in here.

SENATOR LAMB: I might repeat myself, but my amendment will eliminate the property tax for the operation of community technical colleges after June 30, 1980. This frankly incorporates my bill, LB 339, which I introduced last year into this bill. We hear much these days about the fact that property taxes are excessive in this state and this is my attempt to do something about it. I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that the community technical colleges are the only form of higher education in this state which draw on property tax. The other two forms of higher education are the university and the state colleges, both of which are financed by the sales and income tax through the general fund. My amendment will eliminate this mill levy for the operation of these schools in 1980 at the same time that the present law calls for the elimination of property tax for construction purposes. I would appreciate your support on this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I'm not sure about the constitutionality of this concept and I do not think it would be a good amendment to the bill. Perhaps that should be addressed in some other legislative session and not on this particular issue so I would urge you to reject Senator Lamb's amendment.

PRESIDENT: There are a lot of lights on. Do you people wish to be heard on this? All right. Do I see five seconds?