

using Senator Koch's words, there is no way that can be justified. I hope Senator Koch presents some strong arguments because he had convinced me so well on January 3rd that I worked from that point on very hard to get these amendments prepared. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and colleagues, I would address the Koch amendment and just to make the conversation a little bit interesting I will talk to the issue, and the issue is whether we are going to have a new campus improved or whether we are going to have an old campus improved. There are those who believe that a new campus is one that does not now exist, that would come into existence and that would make it new. There are those who believe that a campus that is ten years in use has become an old campus. There are others that believe that if the utilities are in place on a piece of land, the street improvements are in place, and a foundation is in place, this is an existing campus and, therefore, an old campus and does not get any construction money under 922. Obviously, the purpose of putting in the word "new" is to prohibit the vocational training expansion in the City of Grand Island on Central's campus by completing facilities in that city. When the word "new" is struck as the Koch amendment would do, this amendment is where I believe most members of this Legislature thought it was when we started, but no matter that, it now would be that if there is a campus and it is a new campus, you can't do anything, if it is an old campus, you can. Now what does that mean? Here is what it means, if you just give me one minute. Grand Island has got a campus that would be classified as an old campus. Now they could get rid of that campus and trade it off for raw land and take a million dollars and build buildings on that new land. The building that is on that campus right now is about two and a half years old and so, therefore, it is not a new campus. When that building is designed for a fifty year life or a sixty year life, you are telling me that two, two and a half years makes it old. Not under the stretch of anything in the English language could you say that that Grand Island campus is an old one or it is not new. Koch's amendment takes care of all of this ambiguity, I can't say the word, but it is screwed up language, therefore, accept the Koch amendment and we will know where we are. I still can't do it. Thank you, Neil.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I really don't think there is anybody on the floor that isn't concerned about the expansion of building in the community technical college area because I know I have personally talked with various members on this floor that have and share this concern. I agree, when Senator Koch made his opening remarks, that some of the board members he named are very enthused and very avid and very sincere and doing a very good job representing the interests of the community technical colleges. But this body has broader responsibilities. We have responsibilities beyond the community technical college system itself. We have responsibilities to the property taxpayer. We have responsibilities to