

discussing them on Friday, that you realize that what was in LB 784 were not essential to state government. They were not essential to local government. It is a part of the budget that wasn't needed. It was a trailer bill, if the money was there. The money is not there, so these programs should not be passed in law. The additional money should not be passed into the budget bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There is no further lights on, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'll waive...

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...the motion. Pull the motion.

PRESIDENT: Do you withdraw...okay, the motion is withdrawn. Would you like...do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to return the bill. (Lynch amendment appears on pages 2665-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I'd respectfully offer this amendment with the purpose of withdrawing it, but it is important that I think the record be provided with this information as it applies to the technical community colleges. This amendment, if we were successful with it, serious enough to really try, would have simply provided \$336,704 for the technical community colleges for this year and next and what this amount would have rightfully done is to return the state aid to the technical community colleges to the level that such colleges received prior to the '86 special session which was about the same and, in fact, less than what the state colleges and the university receive. For the record and for your information, the technical community colleges this year received 2.3 percent increase in their budget, based on '87-88, while the university received a 4.9 percent. The state colleges received 5.5 percent. In addition, the university received an additional 4.4 million for special projects and capital construction, and the state colleges received 11.4 million for special projects and capital construction. Finally, the Legislature has included 2.5 million for faculty salary upgrades for the university and state colleges but nothing for the technical community colleges.