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SENATOR KRUSE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't it true that you were the one who stepped forward to make the motion that this money be put on the chopping block to use the terminology that has been applied to it?

SENATOR KRUSE: I made the motion on behalf of the committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I wanted from you, and I think it is good that somebody was willing to step forward and do what we knew, what they knew on the committee needed to be done, that all of us out here knows needs to be done. So I definitely intend to support this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, AM1567.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to oppose this amendment but it doesn't thrill me. I understand why the committee had to do it, but those of us in rural Nebraska who look forward to property tax relief, funding community colleges off of General Fund money was an important part of that puzzle. Now I understand there is not the revenue there to do it, but I hope we can keep focused in the future and we, again, make an attempt to get the community colleges off the property tax rolls and get them on the state tax rolls. It has always been difficult for people in my area of the state, especially when we're not...we don't have a community college close by even though we get community college services in the area, to make a relationship between property and higher education. Like I said, I do support the amendment but I hope we can keep focused, I hope in the future we can again take another look at this because I think the appropriate role for the property taxpayer in the state is not to fund the community college. I think that should be another...a role of the state, not of the property owner in this state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Wickersham, on AM1567 to the committee