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having some financial problems because of a decision they made a few years ago? It appears that they are. But that doesn't mean we should just throw additional money at it. We should solve the problem. And that might involve redistributing how these counties are, or reducing the number of counties in there. It makes sense. I did not support LB 601 coming out of committee. I wouldn't. I would vote to indefinitely postpone it. However, I did support the other bill that was amended into the Education Committee's LB 540, which allows community colleges to essentially be made whole from the cuts they're going to receive at the hands of the Appropriations Committee, or the hands of this body. I did support that, because I recognize the value of community colleges. However, again, I suggest to you that the way to solve this problem is not to continuously throw money at it. Let's think about it. Let's use some common sense. If we have a valuation-rich district over here and a valuation-poor district over here, let's cut the line in half and split it, rather than continually throwing money at these problems. I don't support Senator Tyson's amendment. I urge you not to do that as well. Let's not throw good money after bad. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Oh, my Revenue Committee is tough. (Laugh) I don't disagree with that this is not the right way to go. I don't disagree that the formula is out of whack and that the formula should be fixed. We didn't have a vehicle to do that. Other community colleges would have lost if we'd have done that. That would have been my first choice. We didn't have a vehicle to divide up the counties. We didn't have a vehicle to combine two other districts together. This was the only one we could, to save some very strong, well deserved programs in northeast Nebraska. I do not like to raise property taxes. I don't think that that's the right way to fix this problem. But it's the only way we had to do it, and the only way we can do it under this circumstance. And so that's why I support the Tyson amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator McDonald.