

Warner, what this is doing is not allowing the University of Nebraska and the four State Colleges from expanding their budget by putting this refund of tax money into their budget instead of returning it to the state, is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: What the bill will do is that the money is returned back to the fund that provided the funds for the building. You could have a building built with general fund, cash fund and federal fund and the refund would be returned proportionately to each fund as each fund contributed to the total cost of the building. If they each paid a third, why the refund would be split a third to each of those funds.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then it would have the University of Nebraska, State Colleges and technical colleges all on the same basis (interruption).

SENATOR WARNER: No, the tech colleges, you know, are not a part of state government. This does not affect them in any way at all. They can still file for their refunds and the money comes back and they handle it as they please. The state is not involved at all with them.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then what you are saying is the tech colleges refund would go back to the tech college?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, and we are not disturbing how they control or use that one way or the other. No change.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you want to be recognized on your own? Senator Cope.

SENATOR CIPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Warner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, will you yield?

SENATOR COPE: Why wouldn't it be better just to make it mandatory when contracts are let because certainly the contractor is going to take this sales tax, figure that in or figure it out, one or the other, and eliminate this process?