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I would ask for a division of the question with respect to the Koch amendments to the committee amendments and for those of you who have copies of the Koch amendments, I would like to request the division in the following manner and I have discussed this with Senator Koch. Number one, the first issue we would vote on would be the establishment of the council and all the language in the Koch amendments which relate to establishing a statewide council for technical community colleges. The second one would be the special mill levy, authority and language contained in Senator Koch's amendments which would be included in, beginning on section 2, page 1, again on page 2 and through subparagraph 4 at the top of page 3. So that would be the second issue to be voted upon which would be the new language which would authorize the exceeding of the mill levy limit in areas with seven people per square mile or fewer and then the rest of the Koch amendment could be adopted in a third vote. That is how I would request that the amendments be divided in that fashion and I would speak first at this point in time only to address myself to that division of the question, would speak at this point in time, only to the portion of the Koch amendment that relates to the elimination or relates to the establishment of a statewide council, Nebraska Technical Community College Coordinating Council, which Senator Koch would create in his amendments to the committee amendments. I think there are several points that must be made with respect to establishing a statewide council and let me preface my remarks by saying that I am an individual who sponsored legislation to create such a council but only, in my opinion, should such a council be created when there are legitimate functions to be served by such a council. Now in the bill that Senator Marvel and I introduced with respect to technical community colleges we did create a council very similar to the one Senator Koch is creating, however, they had very important budgetary responsibilities in submitting a consolidated budget to the State of Nebraska to the Legislature and that budget would fully fund the technical community colleges. Under this proposal it is my belief that this coordinating council which would be established does not have as many legitimate functions as you would see in the proposal set forth by Senator Marvel and myself. In fact, I think it is fair to say, that the real function of the Nebraska Technical Community College Coordinating Council created under this bill is to establish and fund a lobbying arm for the technical community colleges in Nebraska. That is interesting to me that