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Senator Hoagland, Senator Marsh. Everybody is here except Senator Hoagland. Pardon? Yes. The Legislature is under Call. Will you please take your seats. We cannot proceed in our business until everybody is in their seats. Will all legislators please take their seats? Will all legislators please take their seats? The Legislature wastes hours waiting for everybody to get to their seats. Will the legislators please take their seats? We cannot continue until we follow the rules. Senator Koch, everyone is accounted for except Senator Hoagland. Do you want to proceed with the roll call? Go ahead.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote found on page 1978 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Before we go to the second issue, as guests of Senator Marsh I wish to introduce Bernie Borgan from Keystone, Dwayne Hollibaugh from Marsland and Harold Marters from Rising City. Where are you folks located? Are you up in the balcony? Are we ready for item #2? The Call is raised. Item #2. Senator Koch. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, the second item that we are dealing with and I talked to it a moment ago has to deal with the sparsity factor as it pertains particularly to a couple of unique areas and basically the one we are talking about is Western Technical Community College. Due to some problems that they have no control over, under the lid bill they are not going to be able to reach their 7% and what we propose in here, is put a sparsity factor in to allow them to at least raise their operational budget to the point where they can get their 7% and that is done by a two thirds vote of the Board of Governors. As I have mentioned a moment ago, when you go to put lids on various subdivisions of government there are always those who cannot treat except if you treat them in a special way and basically I believe Western Tech would be the only one that would probably need this type of a provision and for those who believe that this would be an outlandish increase, I submit to you that I doubt it will because if there is any Board of Governors that has acted prudently and lived within some difficult financial conditions, it is this particular community college Board of Governors. There are seventeen or eighteen counties in that particular area who have yet to put their property at the new assessed valuations. As a