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Senator Dworak to address that specifically in his close on this amendment because as I read it our community college, Senator Dworak, is really getting it right in the stomach right next to a death blow from your amendment and from this bill. You look at a schedule of the bonds that are Platte County Community College bonds. They are being paid off by people as far away from Columbus as Lexington, Broken Bow, Holdrege. They are paying those off and stifling the growth of technical community college education in our area because of the necessity for the central district to absorb that indebtedness. It was put on there by the people in Columbus and given to the whole area by this Legislature. I think the amendment is unfair. I think the bill is unfair and I at this time am going to oppose the whole thing until somebody can give me better information than what I have.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, did you wish to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Kelly, if I can I would like to alleviate some of your concerns. We are not putting anything much different on here than we did a year ago, or two years, when you and I were involved in the issue of Metro area, of central area. What we are saying is that they can go up to \$100,000 in certain kinds of capital improvements and then after that you know we passed a law here which said you will have to go to a vote of your people for any major expansion of capital construction and that is still the way it is and I don't believe you have to have a fear of this amendment and I would assure you that yesterday out here the presidents were here and others were here and it was after a considerable compromise, because originally the amendment was going to be offered at \$50,000, and this is an agreeable figure now as being somewhat reasonable. I don't like it either but at least it is a reasonable figure and I would support it.

SENATOR CLARK: Before the next speaker I would like to introduce to you the mother and father of Senator Chris Beutler under the North balcony. They are down here to watch today. Would you stand and be recognized for us please, under the North balcony. Also in the North balcony from Senator Marvel's district we have 35 fourth grade students from Watson School in Hastings, Nebraska, the teacher, Mrs. Kathy Bruce. Will you stand and be recognized please? The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, I