

what you are going to do. So that is the committee amendment again. Now, finally, in Section 5 what we are saying that the 1978 Legislature defined the role and mission of various segments of public higher education and we are suggesting as I mentioned a moment ago that Metro Tech be allowed to establish a general studies course specifically on the North Omaha Campus, and that is where they would provide general studies. And I know that the private colleges have some concerns about this, but I would remind you that unless a student pursues a general course of study, that the likelihood that he would go to a private college or to even the University is not there. Now if he pursues, or he or she pursues general studies, there is a good likelihood that after two years of general studies that student then might matriculate either at the private college or at the University system or state college. So I don't know if this is going to impede the private colleges or the University system, but there are some of those people who are concerned about it. That is the nature of LB 320, and if you have questions I will be happy to answer them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, your light is on.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, just a quick word because the hour is getting to the place where you won't listen any more, I am afraid, but one of the things that Senator Koch touched on is critical to the western end. I don't know whether it will affect North Platte yet but it certainly does us and I have spoken to most of you and hope that you will support the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we have some amendments to the bill now, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes sir. Mr. President, the first amendment I have is offered by Senator Cullan. Page 3, line 14 after the word "will", Senator. It's the 9 line amendment. Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have distributed to you earlier this morning amendments to LB 320 and this is the first of a couple of amendments which I would like to have considered on this bill. This, I think, is the most critical one as far as the Western Technical Community College area is concerned and as far as the people of western Nebraska are concerned. As Senator Nichol and Senator Koch explained to you, what LB 320 does is allow the current mill levy ceiling for