

some kind of guidance, with some kind of expertise that is going to be more difficult to say no in the future because they are going to be standing in line. This is only the first step. This is only the trial balloon. This is only number one and if we give and grant and crumble on this one, it is pretty hard to say well it was all right for one but not for another. So I very, very, very seriously, very sincerely urge you to take this matter very seriously in your deliberation and stop this, nip it right in the bud right now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I appreciate the fact that Senator Dworak hurried back for that rousing speech. If I had a junket like he had I would try to be there with those people too and that is tongue in cheek that I say that, Senator. But he talks about the vast number of postsecondary schools in the Omaha area. One of them is no longer a college and they are all private with the exception of UNO. Having served with Senator Warner, Senator Cullin and others on the role and mission there was supposed to have been a memorandum of understanding that was to have been developed among those private schools and the public school, UNO. To this day that memorandum of understanding has not been developed. I would submit to you that the Fort Omaha Campus is the logical place. It serves a unique community and I also submit to you unless these people have a chance to enter into a general studies program, the odds of their every attending Creighton, Dana, Concordia, Midland, Bellevue or any other private college is probably slim and none. I submit to you in addition that once these people have continued their education again in a general studies course, the odds are very good that they are going to matriculate at another university, either public or private, for the purpose of pursuing a degree. We have granted to the five other community colleges a campus for a general studies and I don't believe this is out of reason for us now to grant this and I would say to the private colleges who are out here waiting for another bill to come up this afternoon that if they want 321 they probably ought to start understanding the role and mission of the technical community colleges because general studies in many cases are supplementary courses that allow these people to continue in search of a technical education so they get a good job entry skill. Certainly several years ago we thought that there would be no need for general studies in Omaha and I am not privy to all the understandings that were made because that time I felt that Metro Tech should have general studies. I did not prevail but until the standing colleges, private and public, are willing to sit down with Metro Tech and come to some sort of memorandum of understanding on general studies