

do live in a time of very finite resources and we are compelled to make decisions about how those resources are used. Though I appreciate the real concern for offering the general studies program at the Fort Omaha Campus it seems to me that we have alternate mechanisms available in our city to ensure a quality education for all people who want to receive quality education and it is for that reason I submit that the Dworak amendment ought to carry and we ought to keep Metro Tech in its essential and basic business of offering a very solid vocational program to anybody in our city and elsewhere who want to use it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, Senators, Senator Dworak, if you are here I would like to tell you, one of my thirty-four nieces was the last graduate of Duchesne College. They closed it that year. So it is gone. I don't know how much other misinformation Senator Dworak has offered today but that one I know is wrong since my niece was the last one to graduate from Duchesne College. Metro Tech is the only community college in Nebraska that by law is not allowed to offer a general studies curriculum. I don't know why we pick on that one particular one. Senator Goodrich, I don't think you have got any particular interest in keeping Metro Tech from doing this unless you think it might take students from the Omaha Public Schools where just last night's Omaha World Herald announced Czar Knutzen, his now possible one hundred and one million dollar budget. Now of course, the more students you get in the Omaha school system the bigger the budget. They might even add a new addition on the castle at 40th and Davenport and of course I know that Senator Goodrich does not speak from a prejudiced standpoint since his wife is on the Omaha School Board. I'm sure that that has no relation whatsoever to do with Metropolitan Technical Community College. Do you want to know a little bit about duplication, I think my good friend Senator Dworak said, we're talking about duplication of services. Well, I've got the answer for that. We've got Creighton University and we've got the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Creighton University is private supported. The University of Nebraska at Omaha costs taxpayers millions of dollars. Let's close UNO and everybody can go to a private school. We're going to close a college of engineering so why not the rest of it? Senator Dworak just said he agrees. I think the point I would like to make here is this. Metro Tech does provide something in spite of the Goodrich Foundation. There are people that use Metro Tech because it is the only school available to them at a cost they can afford. I have here a letter from one of those private colleges where I asked them, what is the cost for an RN program for a young girl to go to school and become an RN? University of Nebraska