

rise in support of LB 628, notwithstanding the fine remarks by my colleague Senator Remmers. This is and will continue to be a very necessary piece of legislation for Nebraska to have on its books simply because it is important as we move into the last twenty years of the twentieth century for us to continue the long standing struggle to assure equal opportunity in our school facilities for women. I want to make a statement which may actually result in this bill getting fewer votes than it should receive because this bill covers some things that I suspect are not even thought about by members in this body. But it covers some things that are extremely important for the total emergence in today's economic society of our women. With the committee amendments this bill specifically covers technical colleges as well as the University of Nebraska and other schools of higher education. Under the federal Title IX program a case was commenced in California against a technical college. The name of the case is De La Cruz vs. Tormey, and the basic purpose of that case was to have the board of trustees of that technical community college in California to examine the need to provide in that technical community college, child care programs for the children of female students. The statistics in that case demonstrated clearly that female students were effectively denied equal educational opportunity because they were the child rearing people in society and because they did not have available to them adequate child care facilities where they could place their children while they studied at the technical community college. The Nine Circuit Court of Appeals in that case concluded that these women had made out a claim under Title IX of the federal educational programs and that, in fact, the technical community college had an obligation under Title IX to go back and to develop or to consider the developing, they couldn't just foreclose augmentation at this point, to consider the developing of on campus child care for the children of those female students, that without such a facility those female students, in effect, were denied equal educational opportunity. Students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha very recently have requested our Board of Regents to look at an on campus child care facility for those students. At this time I don't think a decision has been reached on that subject by the Board of Regents but I can guarantee you that when we put this legislation in place, those women, our citizens, will have the opportunity to fully explore that issue with our Board of Regents because we as a state have rightfully said that we want to make certain that all of our public officials in the schooling process take whatever steps are required to assure equal educational opportunity and I truly and absolutely support that concept. Another thing this measure does is this measure requires local school districts