

but when you hear these local control arguments in the technical community college system, think about them because those regions are so large and the membership of those boards are not really known to the citizens in the area to any great extent and I think that is part of the problem and that is part of the reason that we have LB 827 here today because, in my opinion, this regional system of postsecondary education has not worked well. I think we are going to have to take a serious look at moving to state control and moving to see these budgets go through the budget process of the State of Nebraska and away from that property tax. So I guess I am going to give Senator Duda a vote but I hope that we take a very serious look at a proposal before the Legislature this year to place the technical community college system under the control of the State of Nebraska insofar as funding is concerned so that we don't have unnecessary construction of facilities in the future. The other point I would make is that if there were one dollar of bonded indebtedness in this bill, I would oppose it very strenuously, but since there isn't, I am not going to fight it today.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to speak in support of Senator Duda's proposal in LB 827. Here are the reasons. Several years ago when these institutions were brought into being, there was a great deal of fear that most of the money that came solely from tax purpose at that time would be used for the building of facilities rather than offering a good educational program and that was the reason for it. We are past that stage and what Senator Duda is proposing here is to take the same dollars and use them more wisely than if they tried to keep up these old buildings. All we are doing here, we are removing the restrictions imposing a limit of \$200,000 for upkeep or building. Now Senator Duda has very ably pointed out why it is better to spend this more than \$200,000 and in the long run save money. That is exactly what he is doing. We have got the same thing, Sunday we are going to blow up the old Cornhusker Hotel. There was a builder in Lincoln that wanted to remodel the hotel. The owners of the hotel said, no, it won't pay. It is better to do the thing and do it right right away. We have got the same thing here. It is better than keeping these old buildings that have been there for years and years. They are not constructed for this purpose. Do away with them and build something that is permanent. In the long run we will not use any more money. We are seeing a great deal of interest in technical education today. That is what young people want. That is