

the University system and any other public or state office. So I would ask you to return this bill and I just can't believe it has gone this far. I would say some of the school interests are more concerned about youth on school boards and they have been sent all these letters here advising the battle should be fought and I am a little bit discouraged with those lobbyists as well. They ought to be bird-dogging these kinds of things. When I looked at the bill when it was read, only tech colleges were there. No one of the other people were there and I think that is a disgrace but I am here to put you on warning. Right now there is not enough money to take care of the needs of the public schools of the State of Nebraska as they perceive them as they are entitled under the law. Why enlarge it? Because I have been to the Sidney campus out there and if we'd spend \$6 million, they still would have a bad facility because that is an old army barracks that doesn't deserve any treatment, and not only that, but the community colleges they can take care of their business as they see fit and I would hope that you will strike this enacting clause. It is a dangerous precedent we are about to establish.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I always like surprises like this. We had a committee hearing, nobody shows. It goes through General File and nobody shows. Select File, nobody says anything. But Senator Koch usually comes to your defense immediately when we get onto Final Reading. That part is all all right. His right to do so, he should act whenever he sees it appropriate. It was our understanding when we passed this bill in the first place that community technical colleges should have been in it in the first place. If they weren't in it, it was deliberate then on somebody's part. I am not saying whose part it was. It certainly wasn't mine and I will admit that I overlooked it when we passed the bill in the first place and that is my fault and maybe it is your fault. Maybe it is somebody's deliberate fault, I am not saying. Thirdly, where does the severance tax come from in the first place, Senator Koch? You know darn well it comes from the western end, darn near all of it, with a little bit of exception down in the First District which is in the extreme southeast corner. I will make no bones about it. Yes, we are interested in part of that money in the Panhandle, Senator Koch. Let's get it on the record and say what we are after. We are after some of that money, the severance money, so let's not be beating around the bush. I see nothing wrong with it. If we get it, okay, if we don't, but we should have this in place so