

what I am saying is that I could not support this bill at this time until there are considerably additional funds and at the very least I see no reason to prefer the technical community colleges as a postsecondary educational system versus the state colleges and the University. The last point I would like to make as Senator Nichol and I were talking at breakfast how the Scottsbluff Star-Herald was treating me well. I am sure that will evaporate after this morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers. I would urge all of you to be as brief as possible because a lot of these bills are going down the drain before noon. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. That might not be all bad either. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Koch amendment, and for a slightly different reason than has been brought out so far. I happen to represent an area of the State of Nebraska where a lot of these monies come from, the severance tax on oil wells, and it seems to me that if we spread out the people that are trying to get a piece of the pie that it is pretty obvious to me that the next thing that is going to happen is they want a bigger pie and the severance rates right now with the various proposals we have in this Legislature are certainly going to close down some of those small stripper oil wells out there which is not the direction that this nation should be going at this time and it certainly is not the direction this state should be taking. So I have a little bit of concern in getting an increasing amount of people that are trying to get a piece of these dollars, not only as to how it might affect our local schools, and I certainly understand Senator Nichol's concern with the tech schools, particularly in western Nebraska, and his concern about the property tax payers, but as I indicate, I have a real problem with creating more hands eating out of this pie and then increasing the size of the pie, and I am just positive that is exactly what will happen in the future. So I am going to support the Koch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I want to correct one thing I said that was wrong. The University of Nebraska and the four state colleges are not eligible for this money. The secondary education institutions are. Let me tell you a little difference between the community technical colleges and the four state colleges and the University. The University and