

folly. To answer Senator Nichol as to where tech colleges get their money, over forty-one percent of it they get from the state general fund. Public schools get somewhere around seventeen to twenty percent. So I don't think that we are getting our fair share out of the general fund, not at all, but I found out the other day at a hearing of the Education Committee that tech colleges are giving hours free, what they call a "tuition free zone". They ought to be taking advantage of all the dollars they could get through their tuition. Wouldn't it be nice if all of our schools gave tuition free, when you took so many hours, like take twelve, then you would get the next six if you want to free? This could recoup for them \$750,000 if they wanted to charge for every hour. Now then, the whole issue is I believe this body made a commitment last year that we would do this for public schools and help them weatherize their buildings, and after that was accomplished, it would revert back to the support of public schools. And we always get the argument of where the tax comes from. I have never argued that thirty-eight or forty percent of the tax comes out of Douglas County and we only get back a certain percentage of that, that is not fair. We are talking about state issues and that is the way we ought to deal with it regardless of where the tax might originate and to make certain that it is kept and dedicated to certain kinds of programs, and for us to take this departure, what is to prevent us next year then from saying, all right, the University is eligible, all state colleges are eligible and several other kinds of state institutions. Then you have completely destroyed the traditional historical use of the severance tax of gas and oil which originally was dedicated to the public schools as a trust fund. I submit to you that is guilty of being less than honorable. I ask you to adopt the Koch amendment to return it to Select File, strike the enacting clause. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of returning the bill to Select File for a specific amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the bill is returned. We now vote to...

CLERK: Mr. President, the Koch amendment is to strike the enacting clause.