

I have seen of some of the tech college buildings, you are eligible and it is based upon the greatest need and I can think of a few of them that there would hardly be any way the Energy Office could turn them down for the greatest need because they are absolutely in a great state of disrepair and probably there ought to be lightning hit them and burn them down and collect insurance. I was going to say something else but I don't want to get into ethic kinds of remarks but I just can't believe, I have supported community colleges ever since I have been on this floor until the blood flows in the center aisle. Now for a tech college to come in the back door, they may lose my support. Maybe it is time they go under state control and so they are trying to invade the privilege of the public schools who are fighting for their lives trying to survive. So I think it is appropriate that possibly this body keep the commitment we made a year ago and the commitment we have kept historically where these severance funds go and they should remain in the public schools until such time as the weatherization modifications have been made and met all demands. And I have got a list, if you want to see it, of all the schools who have applied and it covers the whole state and the numbers that were turned down and the number of applications they have right now that far exceed what the annual income is determined to be and those are public schools that should have first chance at it and no one else should get a shot. And then when that has been satisfied, then the monies should revert like the Legislature said they would revert to the school foundation and equalization section as general aid to the public schools. I submit that is a good reason for striking the enacting clause. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, it is my privilege to introduce under the South balcony Kevin Wagner, son of Senator Wagner, and three friends who are attending the wrestling tournament, Randy Psota, Craig Vancura and Brad Spilinek. From Senator Sieck's District 4 students from Cordova, Nebraska, third and fifth grade. Ruby Fisher is the sponsor. Are you still in the room? Okay, their name will be in the Journal. And from Richard Peterson's District, 30 seventh and eighth graders from Sacred Heart, Norfolk, Doug Zoucha is the teacher. Senator Fowler, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, there seems to be a certain amount of intense debate on this issue and it is one of those things, again, as Senator Nichol pointed out, that pops up on Final Reading and we are all kind of hit with the arguments a little abruptly and I am not sure all of us can remember the record or history on this and it