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SENATOR CLARK: Not that I know of.

SENATOR NICHOL: I would like to have them.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, Senator Koch, explain the amendments.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, the committee amendments do one thing, two things. One thing, the program shall be designed as needed, as needed, Senator Nichol, and the second portion is a definition of handicapped and the community college asked for that definition and that comes from the adult education section of our present law.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further debate on the committee amendments? If not, all those in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Committee amendments are adopted. Now on the bill, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. As you know this state has been involved in education of the handicapped for a good number of years. In fact, we are recognized as one of the model states. Several years ago this body saw fit to develop a role and missions for the public institutions of higher learning. So this bill deals with the role and mission of the community colleges. And very briefly, it says that they shall provide programs for handicapped after age 18. I believe that if we give the obligation of programs to the community technical colleges that the handicapped are deserving of programs as well and that is the reason I introduced this bill. I want to remind you that these programs will be developed as needed. That is based upon the number of participants that might be eligible after assessment and testing, and then the program would be charging tuition for those who attend, and that is the way the program would be developed. In any case, the Board of Governors would be the ones who would have to give the final approval to any program developed by the community college for the purpose of educating the handicapped children in terms of vocational skill. That is the bill. I ask for the adoption of the amendment and the bill to be advanced to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.