

do this and then they are going to raise the real estate taxes to pay for it and the people cannot stand an increase in the real estate taxes. If you want to add things like this, find the money on the state level to finance it. We cannot stand to have some of these schools spend more money, think of that, \$30,000 per student to go to a voc-tech school and this is going to make it that much worse. I don't think this is the time, the year, that we should add something like this on top of the voc-tech schools education and, Senator Koch, I am sorry but it does say "shall" provide the following instructions on the page 2 of the bill. It does not say "may" provide, and even if you said, "may" provide, a lot of the voc-tech schools are going to add it to get more tax dollars so they can build more buildings, hire more people, and thereby it is going to cost more and more and more. So I am going to have to ask this body to say "no" this morning, that we do not add this to the voc-tech schools. Let's wait and see if the economy gets better next year and try it next year. We have gotten along this far without it. I think we can wait another few months until the next session and see how things turn out, because my counties, and there are many, many Senators here in the same position that I am, cannot stand an increase to send their students to voc-tech schools and this is going to raise that increase a tremendous expense. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I will try not to be as emotional as Senator Haber~~m~~an was, I mean "Haber~~m~~an", excuse me, but I think I would like to call your attention to what we did in the special session as far as the technical colleges were concerned. We cut their budget by three percent as far as state aid is concerned and now with the most recent Appropriations Committee revised budget we are increasing it 3.75% which is a net .75 of a percent over the past two years. Now this is tight, and to put on them this kind of a mandate, to expense this kind of program to them is going to have some pretty drastic effects on the local property tax. I don't think there is any question about it. Now this is not a bad idea and I certainly sympathize with the intent of what Senator Koch is trying to accomplish with this piece of legislation but I think in all fairness with the seven percent lid tech schools are now living under, and I support that, to mandate additional expensive programs on them without following with the dollars is really not fair to those people at this time. I am not going to support this bill at this time and, you know, .75 of a percent increase is not a very substantial increase. In fact it is almost a decrease in these