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of decreased aid that was proposed in 816. In addition to this, an original figure shows that the technical community colleges may receive approximately \$150,000 more in aid under 816. And the Appropriations Committee cut the TCs to that amount, \$150,000. Actual figures though from the county official survey of the 93 county treasurers show that technical community colleges actually lost \$187,073 under LB 816. So the amendment totally then would balance the aid and bring it in to the right perspective. So we are adding a total amount of \$337,073 which is the difference between the Appropriations Committee, the deduction for anticipated success of LB 816 and the replacement of the loss under LB 816. I ask that you adopt this amendment. As you know, community colleges rely upon a property tax which they levy across their area. They also rely upon state aid and they also rely upon dollars of the amount that we revealed by 518 originally, the \$70 million which we anticipate. So I believe this is a fair amendment. It is appropriate and not excessive but it merely brings them into a perspective that I think is a fair treatment of the community colleges in the State of Nebraska and I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp. Senator Newell. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would make a couple of comments, I guess. Number one, part of the argument that I think that Senator Koch was using, or at least I believe he made the reference to, that in the appropriation that we recommended initially it is correct to say that based upon an earlier fiscal note supplied by the tech colleges there was an indication that they anticipated \$150,000 more under 816 at that point than they were currently getting and then subsequently apparently that was adjusted and they actually didn't get more. They apparently got less. But what complicates the problem, of course, is that they budgeted as I understand around \$1,552,000 from this and in fact received apparently \$600,000 more than that when the final figures came in of \$2,187,000 and that is where the \$187,000 figure that Senator Koch refers to comes from. I would argue I guess that, or certainly Senator Koch could argue that if adjustment is to be made at a 3.75 increase over the current year, it would be consistent with what adjustments were made in aid programs where they were made. I guess my problem with it is now based upon amendments still pending, that 3.75 incidentally was in relation to state employees' salaries, but knowing that there are other amendments to come that