

we ought to be discussing what we are going to do to turn the economy around. At the present time I haven't found any elected person who knows what mess we are in, how we got there or how we are going to get out of it. There has not been any suggestions. I think that that is what we ought to look at. The economy we are in today is like driving a car that goes into a skid on the road. Unless you take corrective action you are going to crash and you don't just take corrective action by sitting there hunkering over the steering wheel until you hit a tree. What we are doing here, we are hunkering over the steering wheel and we are hoping that the \$25 million will buy us a little time, but unless we turn the economy around by some leadership in government and in industry and other areas, we are going to have really serious problems. So I would oppose this motion and hope that we proceed with the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, just briefly, if you will take your amendment and look at it for just a second, by accepting the three percent reduction to aid on line B that the Governor was proposing in LB 8, you have cut state aid to technical community colleges by \$587,000 or almost one half of that three percent reduction. That is the only, the only political subdivision that has been cut under the Governor's proposal. It is also cut under the Beutler proposal. In addition the technical colleges would lose under F three percent in homestead exemption and an additional five percent in the personal property tax exemption aid under G. So that the cut to the technical community colleges is compounded by cutting the state and also reducing the property tax receipts. It looks to me like they are getting a triple whammy here. I oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would call the previous question to see if we can't close off debate.

SENATOR CLARK: Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is will we cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is ceasing debate. Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.