

we do but I do not believe that it is appropriate or necessary to adopt the amendment as proposed by Senator Nichol.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Nichol's amendment. I realize there are certain community colleges that probably are not going to be harmed but this body has wrestled with one community college on several occasions because of the inability to create the revenue needed and because of the difficulties of seven percent lids. So there may be some community colleges, as Senator Cullan alluded to, who could make it but I have to defend Western because of the unique problem they have and that amount of money we appropriate in a lump sum we promised to them based upon a weighted formula and their budget was established under rigorous conditions. Therefore, I believe that what we are attempting to do here is proper because that community college has severe financial limitations and we all know that. So, therefore, I think Senator Nichol is very appropriate in this amendment and I do not see where it is going to harm the state to any great degree in terms of its own surpluses. We made a commitment. Community colleges are local agencies. They really are not state agencies. They are local. They are run by a board of governors that are elected and we give them some state aid like we do the public schools. Therefore I think once we made the commitment on state aid to the community colleges, we should live by it and find possibly other areas in our budget that are strictly state agencies where we might be able to make this amount of money up at a later time. So, therefore, I support Senator Nichol and I would hope the body would, too, and I do it primarily for Western Community College which is a system that needs the revenues and can't afford to lose any. Their budget is set and it is very severe. Therefore, let's keep our commitment and support Senator Nichol's amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Nichol's amendment. You know it is kind of amazing, all these crocodile tears for the community colleges, voc-tech schools, what have you, when this body gave them permission to build buildings from \$100,000 to \$200,000 without a vote of the people, and in