

It is estimated that a three-year levy of 1.1 cents per \$100 valuation will raise the necessary revenue for this project. So there is no attempt to amend limitations on the lid for such colleges. No state General Funds will be used for this project since technical community college statutes prohibit such use. This bill would appear to be consistent with the Governor's commitment to education and it can be done without an increase in the levy of 1.8 cents per \$100 valuation which already is in place. I ask for an advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the advancement of LB 395. Senator Hefner, Senator Schellpeper next.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. This bill was...a public hearing was held on this bill before the Education Committee. I see they advanced the bill unanimously. And I would like to talk just a little bit about what the addition would be for. It would provide additional classrooms and lab space for agriculture programs. Northeast Community College has a very extensive agriculture program going and many from northeast Nebraska attend it. Also, there would be additional classrooms and work space for nurses. And, Senator Arlene Nelson, you may want to hear this. Senator Arlene Nelson, are you listening? There would be additional classrooms for nurses. And now all we've got to do is get those students to enroll in the nurses' school if this addition would be built. Also, additional space would be added for electronics and also they would have an economic and rural community development program that we really need in the rural areas. And so I think this space would be put to good use. No General Fund money would be used. This would all come from property taxes and I just think that it would be a very good addition to the college. Years ago in northeast Nebraska we was...it was very hard to get radio or TV technicians or auto mechanics and various plumbers, electricians and the like. But after Northeast College got going, Northeast Tech College got going, well, we...there was people that we could hire to do these jobs and I just feel that this bill is...it's a good bill. They need this bill so that they can proceed with this addition. So I would encourage you to advance this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, Senator Morrissey on deck.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Mr. Speaker and members, I also rise to