

support 395. I want to thank Senator Peterson for making 395 his priority bill. I think it's very important to northeast Nebraska that we have this up there. Northeast Tech is probably one of the better tech colleges in the country. Anybody that has not been up there, I think, should go see what we have up in Norfolk. It's a very good college. It's, like I say, one of the better ones in the state. I see Arlene Nelson is raising her hand but northeast Nebraska, this college is very important to us up there and I would sure urge you to adopt this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if...oh, Senator Hefner, I wanted to ask you a question but...Senator Hefner. Elroy, I wanted to ask you a question. Is quite a bit of your district taken up by this community college area? Is...

SENATOR HEFNER: I didn't understand the question.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Do you have quite a bit of your district in this community college's area?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, I do.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And am I correct in seeing that we're bypassing the taxpayers on this issue so we we're avoiding local control on this issue and we're going to appropriate the money here or allow them to appropriate the money without a vote on it?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't think we're bypassing it because...bypassing the voters in the 19th District because they all know about it and I have talked to a number of them when I have had different meetings like with the Chamber of Commerces or the livestock feeders or the teachers or anyone of those and so far they all feel that we need it.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Then what would be a problem with putting it up before the taxpayers to approve?

SENATOR HEFNER: I wouldn't have any problem with that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay. This is just...I just...since you and I usually agree on everything, I wanted to...I had a little