

problem with this, I wanted to make sure it wasn't another pork barrel issue or a local control issue. Thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Morrissey, I don't feel this is a pork barrel deal. I feel that this is needed to...and the Governor said this is the year for education so I would just say that's one of the reasons that I'm for it because I need it. Okay, and I have just been handed a note here that they have a local elected board so if the people don't like what's going on, well, they can elect a new board.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, I'm...I'm also in favor of education and my own community college in my area, southeast, I just would probably have a problem supporting this type of an issue for my own college, is all.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Morrissey, we have done this before. I think there are four different cases that we have. We did it for Metro in Omaha. We did it for Central in Hastings. We did it for Southeast in Lincoln and Beatrice, so that would cover your area. And now the fourth one is the proposed for Northeast and Norfolk. So I think we're just doing what we have done for others and I hope you can support this.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Well, I'll have to think about it but thank you for answering those questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I guess maybe I could ask Senator Peterson, I think, a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR HARTNETT: This just deals with one school. Is that correct?

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes. Yes, it does, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Why don't we open it up to every...all the schools so they can do this without...why do you...why are we doing this just for this one particular school? I don't know, how many technical schools are there in the...maybe Senator Withem would stand up there...