state dollars into the tech colleges to solve their problem? And I think it's just one of those issues that I think the Legislature is being a little lax on. I know it's still early in the session but I think it's something we should look very closely at. I encourage the body to do that. For that reason, once again, I will be voting no.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Moore. There are no other lights on. Senator Weihing would you care to close on the issue.

SENATOR WEIHING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, we have heard the various arguments with regards to LB 1050. We are being faced with a lawsuit, that we do need to get the equalization so that we can move forward and once the implementation of LB 143 is there, then the equalization, true equalization, is going to be carried out within the community colleges. The community colleges have worked hard to bring about an equalization formula within their own structure and this is all a part of it. This is a companion bill with LB 143 that was put...that was on the floor here last week by Senator Dennis Baack. I urge that you vote yes for this and move it forward expediently.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You have heard the closing on LB 1050. The issue before you now is, shall LB 1050 advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1050.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: LB 1050 is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Moving on to LB 1004.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1004 was a bill introduced by Senator Rogers, Wehrbein, Dierks and Coordsen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4 of this year, Mr. President. At that time, it was referred to the Agriculture Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.