

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WEIHING: ...we do need to have this bill passed because if we do not, I say that, in all likelihood, you will be dealing with a rather massive sum to be paying back for the differential that has been in existence the last several years. I suggest that you vote this so...and look at, and now look at how our community colleges are presently funded. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, there are no other lights, would you care to close?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I would just like to mention, you know, even if you do buy the court case argument, which is indeed debatable, as I said, there is other ways you could accomplish the same goal. One thing would be to lower those two community college districts down to a nine cent levy and better equalize among them. That's another way you could solve the same problem. But I guess I only point that out that there are some other options available than contained in the intent of LB 845 and LB 1050. We've already passed LB 845 that basically says, yes, those two western Nebraska areas need some additional help, we're going to give that to them if it's new money. And now they say, if you pass LB 1050, everybody's happy. And I guess what I'm saying is that there are other alternatives. One way we could have done, we could have used 1050 to solve the court case by simply lowering everybody to nine, then using LB 845 or the appropriations process to better equalize the state dollars. That may or may not happen, but I guess at this time I just simply want to say once again that I am voting no because I am not satisfied. We have looked at all of our alternatives and when you use LB 1050 it would simply add additional authority upon the property tax burden in the State of Nebraska and that's what I'm opposed to. So I will remove my amendment and simply ask for a vote on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, would you read the bill?

CLERK: (Read LB 1050 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1050 pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.