

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you, I just wanted to clarify that for those on those on the floor who might not have heard the explanation the first time around. I would rise in support of this amendment. If you recall, last year we had a similar amendment before us and the body voted to support it. It did pass and it was later vetoed by the Governor. So it's not asking something new of you, it's something that we have done before and I think it would really go to a good cause. This is a school that doesn't have megabucks for their budget. They, I think, from what I remember their budget, are getting by. I think this would be a good gesture. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion? Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, Senator Robinson, could we ask a question, please.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Sure.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Be delighted to, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is this college financed by federal funds or state funds?

SENATOR ROBINSON: It's financed by federal funds. It was an act of Congress that...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...instituted the tribal community colleges around the nation.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does the State Department of Education have any control over them?

SENATOR ROBINSON: To my knowledge, I don't believe so.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What about the other community colleges? Do they have any control or any...

SENATOR ROBINSON: There is a working relationship between Northeast Technical Community College and the Indian Community