

establishing new programs are trying to keep the Legislature from doing that until such time as a coordinating commission is up and running. We think that this approach is probably better and that is to compensate the Indian Community College for what it is now doing for students that are traditionally taught in other community colleges. And I think it's on solid grounds constitutionally, it's on solid grounds public policy and it is the right thing to do and I would support Senator Robinson's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. We will proceed to vote. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Robinson, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to address a couple of things Senator Haberman said about as far as the State of Nebraska is concerned. There is a comparability in terms of accreditation hours offered between Nebraska community colleges and also the North Central Accreditation Agency. And what does this spell out? It means it's a credit for a transferable from the Nebraska Indian Community College to other institutions. Likewise, I've been told that the Coordinating Council would have control over the types of courses that are funneled through the Northeast Technical Community College. So, in closing, I would like to say that I don't know how many of you have been up to the reservations at Winnebago and Santee and Macy lately, but one of the shining lights of that area where we know there are a lot of social problems, one of the shining lights is the community college. What are they doing? People are going to school and they're trying to dig themselves out of poverty and trying to find a means of employment. If there is one...if there is one good reason we should support this amendment, is that. And I would urge you to vote yes on this amendment. Thank you.