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SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Our next speaker is Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I, too, rise to support 647. I'm one of the co-sponsors of it for perhaps maybe a little bit different reason than some of the other co-sponsors of the bill signed on to it. While it is true that Doane College, one of our premiere, flagship institutions of private colleges in Nebraska is located within my district, there's another reason to support 647 from my perspective. Many of you don't know this, but I have the third most rural district in the State of Nebraska, a district that basically has been somewhat ignored, the southern part of Nebraska, by our public postsecondary education system, for one reason or the other. Being rural carries with it that it's a low income district, with many people in the district traditional, nontraditional students who would, in fact, avail themselves of the services provided by Doane, by Concordia at Seward, by York College, by Hastings College because of the proximity to their places of residence, if there was some more assistance available to enable them to do that at the same time of looking after their family responsibilities, the job they have to have to support themselves, or whatever there is. So I think that in addition to all of the other good comments that have been made in support of 647, that it has a great deal of value for the future of Nebraska in providing more opportunities for people with limited economic resources to either upgrade or begin and complete postsecondary education. So for those reasons and all of the aforementioned ones, I would encourage the passage of 647. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. The next speaker is Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want the record to reflect that I do work as an adjunct faculty member at Doane College, it's a private school. I intend to vote on the measure, and although I don't regard there to be a direct, pecuniary conflict of interest, I am an employee of a private institution on this measure and I want the record to reflect that. In years past we have competed with each other