

of the things, as far as economic development a couple of years ago, and even the tech colleges, all of those items, the reason that contingency fund money for job training activity, arguably job training activity. I am not going to sit here and say every red cent was spent on that. At least it was done under the guise of that, whereas Senator Coordsen's amendment, you know, I am not... I am sure you can make, you know, something beyond the third degree of kindred that this has some relation to job creations, other than the job creation of the people putting in the type of equipment they are talking about. You know, as Senator Warner mentioned, I mean, when we wrote that bill a couple of years ago, in 79-2663, we set up guidelines of competition, so to speak, for this money, and in those guidelines we said that the money shall be funding grants for vocational technical faculty training, instructional equipment upgrades, employee assistant, preemployment training, and all types of things dealing to do with job training, misplacement of individuals in the State of Nebraska, trying... you know, arguably using the labor contingency fund that is funded by employment compensation rates, using that money towards items which arguably have something to do with it. Now, Senator Coordsen, I appreciate the fact that you introduced an amendment that did not use General Funds, and I certainly applaud you for that, but I guess the source of the funding here simply concerning precedent, as you... I mean, Senator Coordsen has a bill that would limit how this money is used, and so I understand where his point of view, this is a reasonable usage of that money, but I guess my argument is that, one, the first argument is he shouldn't be using these funds in this manner because you are not doing anything related to job training. Maybe there is some argument there but I don't know. Secondly, Senator Coordsen, even if you wanted to use General Funds, I'd argue against that because, our recommendation, that to date we have treated nobody great in this budget, but the community colleges have, indeed, got, you know, unlike the days of years gone by when come cut time, the technical community colleges were treated, you know, as governmental subdivisions, their aid was cut, we did not cut their aid. As a matter of fact, parting with past precedence even in a cut year, we increased the money of technical community colleges, oh, I am trying to remember the figures now, right off the top of my head it was a sizeable amount. I think it was 800... I forget what it was off the top of my head, it was a sizeable amount, not great, much less than what they wanted, but now here is a little bit more. And part of the root of all of this comes down to this is the type of