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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. You have heard the closing on the committee amendments. We will now vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Do you have anything further on the bill? We will now go to discussion of the bill as amended. Senator Peterson, did you wish to discuss the bill?

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and members, I haven't spoken all day but this is a program that I know a little bit about because I had a daughter go there and got two years of ag tech. As Senator Haberman iterated that it is a unique place, a neat little campus that sits out there in no man's land in a way. It is 50 miles from McCook, I think it is, and about 50 miles from North Platte, and I will tell you this, the kids that go to school out there go there to school because there is no messing around, and they go there, and it is great kids that come out of there. I will also tell you that Northeast Tech at Norfolk has tried a couple of programs, horticulture for one, and it does not go over up there. The kids are interested to going to Curtis where they get a far, far better program than at least Northeast Tech. And you can say, well, Northeast Tech isn't much of a college or a tech college, I don't know, maybe as some schools go, but I do support the committee amendments. I think it well deserves the coordinating commission to look at it, and go from there, and I think the committee amendments are all right the way they are written, and I support as in its present form and ask you to do the same. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I probably wasn't going to speak on this, but when I went down in my office for a few minutes, I think I heard someone complaining again about College Park in comparison. I don't believe there is any comparison at all. The asking for College Park I believe next year is \$74,000 for one year, \$85,000 for the next year. There are 800 students enrolled in College Park. So a little simple math, that's very, very little per student. The tuition covers College Park. Also