

that. We don't necessarily agree on that, but one thing that we do tend to agree on is the engineering needs of the area, and these are small business people. These are people that run insurance agencies, that operate...work for utility companies; people that are in the construction industry, in the real estate industry. They realize that the university may not provide essential and important components of their economic base. When it comes to fine arts or liberal arts majors, such as history and English or mathematics, they may not translate into economic development and jobs for those small business people. But when it comes to an engineering program it does translate into work and it does translate into economic development. It's not about issues that are somehow not going to be affecting their everyday life. This does affect their everyday life. This money is not additional funds that is requested in the amendment. It's money that's going to be coming out of the budget that was the committee amendment that was offered by the Appropriations Committee to the body. It's funding that is provided for faculty, additional faculty members in the university system and it's my belief that it's something that is essential for my...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ..community, for my community as well as for the entire state. As I said, the stories are legion as far as the years of neglect in the program but, really, you can't focus on that. You can't focus on the problems that we've had, the years of neglect, the fact that they don't have engineering programs there that provide...lead up to a baccalaureate program and you have to focus in on the future and the future, in my estimation, comes from a local control of those programs and providing a local control, a local dean, I think will go a long way towards solving a lot of the problems that my community has been faced with in providing for economic and educational opportunities for my constituents. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would like to recognize in the north balcony we have 50 fifth graders from Lincoln School in Fremont and their teacher. They're down here as guests of Senator Janssen. Will you please stand and be recognized. Mr. Clerk, I understand there's a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 392 until May 11 of this year, Mr. President.