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to LB 540 in committee. The other thing I think that's been pointed out by the speakers before me is that this really is a temporary fix that sort of just goes out three or four years and ends. It doesn't really fix the problem. It sort of just carries it on for a while. I think this is something that needs to be addressed on a more permanent basis at another time. I certainly would be willing to try to do that. But this method right now is not the appropriate thing to do. So with reluctance, Senator, I'm going to oppose your amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Aguilar asked a question up here a minute ago, and he goes, what happened to those infamous three words of Gene Tyson's: cut, cut cut? (Laugh) I said, I don't know. It's a new day, Senator Aguilar. I too rise in opposition to Senator Tyson's amendment. I am a product of Nebraska's community colleges. I went to Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska, and am a proud graduate, and would do everything I can to support that institution and Nebraska's community colleges. The bill that Senator Tyson is trying to amend into this other bill was discussed extensively in the Revenue Committee. Senator Baker had some fantastic ideas on how to solve this problem. And if I remember right, it involved redistribution of the counties within the community colleges so as to equalize the valuation disparities. And what that means is that some of these community colleges have extremely valuation-rich areas, and others do not. And so he...Senator Baker had suggested a reconfiguration of how these community college areas are restructured. And that makes sense. Senator Landis also mentioned reducing the number of the community college districts, and that also makes sense. It seems to me that every time there's a problem in state government, how do we solve it? We throw money at it. Well, it's not working. Every time we throw money at a problem...and here we are with almost an \$800...\$800 million deficit. The old way of thinking, throwing money to solve a problem, has got to be eliminated. We have to abolish that way of thinking. It does not work. That's why we're having these problems. Is Northeast Community College