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support this amendment today, because they do need the money, and I'm...hopefully they can do it. I realize that it's going to raise property tax in every one of my counties that's under this. And I don't like to do that, if there's any other way we could do it. And I'm the last one that wants to raise property tax. And we voted down the 10-cent raise on mill levy this morning, just because of that. And so it's a big concern of how we're going to fix this. And maybe there's other ways. I understand the Revenue Committee dealt with this a long time, and maybe they can redistrict some way or another. And maybe that would be possible. But right now, at this present time, this might be the only way we can fix it. I don't know. But with that, I'm going to support the amendment today, and see how we come on it then, see whether we get the...can move on and deal with other things. But with that, I'm just going to support the amendment today. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Synowiecki on the Tyson amendment.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'm sure Northeast provides a vital community service, educational opportunities for the area. I'm sure there's unique needs. But my problem is, with the additional levy authority, what will happen after the '06-07 budgetary cycle, in the sense that after the community college assimilates to this new level of additional funding, where will these additional funds continue to come from? I suspect that we may be looking at a potential, down the line, of general fund revenue going to this endeavor. Senator Tyson's own news clip that he sent to all the members indicates that...it gives a description of each incremental increase in the levy authority. And then it indicates, quote, at that point, additional state revenues would need to replace the lost tax dollars in order to maintain the adequate funding level for Northeast, end of quote. So I am very concerned that this may lead into dependence upon general funding. So with that, I will not support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Janssen on the Tyson amendment to LB 540.