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this additional money have for Northeast Community College? Well, first and foremost, the first year, Northeast would see an additional \$500,000. And of course, the half cent would go to the base, so we'd see a continuing benefit. But this would help us get things on the ground in South Sioux City going, so we can provide the faculty and the teachers and the staff. This doesn't pay for bricks and mortar and fancy buildings and what you traditionally think of a college campus. This hires the people that teach the courses, people that may be taking a nursing course, or somebody that wants to get their two years done so they can advance to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln or...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...Wayne State. In the coming years, this money will continue to pay for those staff and faculty development that they're doing in South Sioux City. But you're going to find out in the paper tomorrow, we've got a very exciting project that will hopefully be announced in the Norfolk area with the introduction of a number of new jobs that require skilled labor. This money will help take those people that are interested in those jobs, and train them in...with the skills they need to make things work and to make that employer, who, by the way, will provide a salary way above the average salary in the state of Nebraska, and good health insurance benefits, a real reality for people in northeast Nebraska. I believe in the community college because they're helping the people that maybe aren't ready for a four-year institution, and they're taking people who are first-generation college students and giving them the confidence in life to succeed, and the knowledge to succeed with. I return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Those wishing to speak are Senators Don Pederson, Connealy, Bourne, Redfield, Stuthman, Raikes, Fischer, and Chambers. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. We've had a problem with community colleges for a number of years. And now it's becoming even greater, because the fastest growing segment of our public education in this