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from Senator Louden?

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Does Northeast have a campus? Is that what I understand, that you don't have any type of a campus over there?

SENATOR ENGEL: Right now in South Sioux City they leased a facility there. They have a six-year lease on it that was...that was approved by the Coordinating Commission. Prior to that, they have been offering some classes out...over there in some of our school buildings and the community buildings, but just on a small, small scale.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now, are you using that, what you...community colleges can, what, levy 1 cent or so for capital improvements and that sort of thing? Are...is Northeast using that?

SENATOR ENGEL: You know, I'll tell you what, I've got to ask. I'm sorry, I don't have the exact answer to that, but I'll find out in a minute here.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah. Well, usually on your tax notices they'll tell you whether they do. And as Western there, when you put the 9 cent on there and, of course, there's another cent on top of that, so we're up to over 10 cents for our community college out there. And my understanding is with this bill then, as we proceed with it, this gives the rest of the community colleges the same authority or extends the authority to increase their tax levy. And, yes, as I think Senator Raikes pointed out that it takes three-quarters of a vote of the board of directors, but I can usually understand where that will go. The board of directors have to operate the college and, of course, the more financing they have, the easier it is to operate the college. So that isn't always a deterrent to not raising the taxes. So I have some reservations, but I think it...I don't think I can support this bill. I think it's going to be a property tax increase. I'm...probably have some consideration or some compassion for Northeast that they probably have themselves in somewhat of a box that they've got worked into,...