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30-mile radius, or whatever, around South Sioux that come to this new rented campus space, they've got an agreement for the next two years that Wayne State, those credits, will transfer. Many of these students will go to Wayne State. And Senator Engel talked about earlier the huge number of people that when they come to Nebraska to college they stay in our state and they will get jobs here and they will help. It will be the entrepreneurs, we hope, and they will help the economy of Nebraska. Senator Fischer, you talked about the property tax increase. I do not want a property tax increase either, but our students are paying a considerably higher rate for tuition than other students throughout the state of Nebraska because of this and I don't see any other way. I'm like Senator Flood. I've made the decision. I think this is what we need to do and I will suffer the consequences when I go home, when I have to explain to people about this tax increase. But I have been explaining that for the last several months, actually for the last year and a half, because I introduced a similar bill last year. I'm telling the people it needs to be done and it needs to be done for our students, and so that's where I am. I want to stress it is very small, though. We've talked about it many times, but on \$100,000 house it's \$5 a year, \$5 a year. It costs you that much if you go to McDonald's and get a meal, so that's what it would cost you per year on \$100,000 house. And with that, I will return my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, I believe I helped put this bill out of Revenue, but there's a few things that I wanted to bring to your attention. In the district or in the area that this community college is located, if there are any LB 775 recipients in that area, of course, you know their property taxes are refundable. And if that school district is equalized in that area that they are in, then the state makes up the difference. Wanted you to keep that in mind. You know, I can understand the situation in northeast Nebraska. Community colleges do us a great benefit in this state. And could I have a little conversation with Senator Raikes, if he is available?