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Community colleges weren't funded to the amount that they were prescribed in statute. Now is the time to rectify that and to proceed to do something that we can actually lower property taxes. This is property taxes to be lowered in your rural counties. They're the ones that are hardest hit, especially out in the western Nebraska. When you look at some of the mapping of what the community colleges have, some of the poorer counties in central Nebraska are the ones that are hard to hit, and those are entirely off of property tax, is what is funded to community colleges. Between Western and Mid-Plains, there isn't a huge industrial base for to raise their valuation, so it therefore comes off of your farm, ranch, rural properties for funding. The \$24.6 million would certainly come...be something that would probably stay in the state. It would probably be spent downtown. So it would be money that would be an economic benefit to the western part of the state especially, and to the rest of Nebraska. All of the community college would receive a benefit from this. The Metro probably wouldn't, because they have such a high valuation that at the present time they are under their 6 cent mill levy, which is where the state takes in. With that, I would urge the adoption of this amendment, and certainly encourage some discussion on it, to see whether we really honestly want to do something about property taxes. And if we really want to lower property taxes, this is one place that property taxes can be lowered, and will make a significant difference. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Loudon. You've heard the opening on the Loudon amendment. Senator Landis, what...did you wish to be recognized? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, I'd like to remove my objection to germaneness. I've looked at the amendment, and it does make a reference to a section that is implicated by the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is...

SENATOR LANDIS: However, I would like to invoke the rule that says this would take 30 votes for this amendment, since this essential idea was heard in the Revenue Committee and killed by