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with their position relative to the funding formula. It's inappropriate for us to take action on this at this time. I think the amendment is misplaced. The Nebraska Community College Association is now engaged in a dialogue to fix this and to remedy the funding formula. And it really does highlight a significant problem, that state aid for our community college needs to be education-based, student-based, and not based entirely upon property tax levies. Again, relative to Metropolitan Community College board of governors, I have a resolution here, passed January 12, 2006, which, they will not even support full funding...this is a community college in the state of Nebraska that will not...it's on record not supporting full funding, because of the fundamental deep flaws in our current formula. And just to give you a little example, if we were to pass Senator Louden's amendment here, AM2817, the benefit to the property taxpayers within the Metropolitan Community College would be \$2.80 per \$100 of assessed value, which would bring it to about \$2.80 on a \$100,000 home...excuse me, from \$56.40 to \$53.60, a benefit of \$2.80, on a \$100,000 home. Last year, state aid to Metro was equal to \$1,830 per full-time student, less than half of the \$3,980 per student assistance received by Western Community College. If we were to go with full funding, Metro would see only a 14 percent increase in state aid per full-time student, while Western would realize an 86 percent full-time student increase. I would encourage my members not to adopt this amendment. The Nebraska Community College Association is diligently working--at least, that's what we were informed of during the Appropriations Committee hearing on this subject--they are diligently working with all the parties, every...all six community colleges throughout the state, to rectify and to remedy the current funding formula. And until and if they act, I think it would be very unfortunate and ill-advised for us to act relative to AM2817. Thank you, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Kremer, you're recognized.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to just talk a little bit about LB 960, which is a bill that I introduced in the Revenue Committee, bringing the