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recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR LOUDEN: I get to close? Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, you're recognized to close, Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we had a good discussion on this. And this is one of the first times that everybody has come out and all of a sudden they decided that this is flawed, the funding mechanism for community colleges is flawed. And it's amazing that some of them have been down here for two or three years and they've known it's flawed and nobody has addressed it. So it looks like once we got this out in the open, it's kind of like a nasty family argument; once it's out in the open, then maybe something can be done about it. So I suppose this summer there's going to have to be an interim study or something go on to get this thing resolved. It's...when Senator Synowiecki had talked about education, it isn't about property taxes, it is about property taxes. That's what funds education in most of...90 percent of the counties across the state of Nebraska. And I...when he uses his argument about the cost per pupil, I would ask him also if he would like to use those arguments to continue on with his state aid to education in K-12 funding. If he would watch the papers here awhile back, I would ask you, who were the swimming champions of the state of Nebraska here awhile back, and what schools were they from? They were all from Omaha and Lincoln, I think. And I ask you, why was that? And that's because Omaha and Lincoln schools have swimming pools in them. And I think when you get west, I don't know if even Grand Island has one, but when you get to the western end of the state, there's no such thing as a swimming pool in a high school. So in your K-12 funding, there is disparities among it. And it was set up so that some of the other college...or, schools that were supposed to be poor would receive funding. So I think it has to work both ways. This is something where it's the western end of the state isn't receiving the money that was probably supposed to be given to them statutorily. And this is what I wanted to bring forward, that we do need something done to fund the Western Nebraska Community College and the Mid-Plains and the Northeast, to name just the three. One other point I'd make out, that I