

GENERAL FILE
April 14, 1971

PRESIDENT: Move to the consideration of LB759. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read title.

LB759

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Ziebarth.

SENATOR ZIEBARTH: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, the committee amendments are the bill. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments to LB759. This bill has been discussed now for two years. Senator Carpenter introduced 979 at the last Session which passed this Body. Because of some technicalities, the Governor vetoed it. We have attempted to accomplish the many problems that we had in 979 and to study the problems and to iron them out. We feel that in this bill, we now have accomplished this task. About two or three weeks ago all of you received Community College Education Nebraska booklet which is quite lengthy and I hope you have all read it. I think this probably describes the bill better than I can. However, since that time we have had discussions with the technical colleges, with the junior colleges and with the State Department of Education. I can report to you at this time, with the exception of a few colleges, all are in agreement on this particular bill. I have handed out to you on your desk about five pieces of paper which attempt to explain the bill and explain the portions of the enrollment that are presently enrolled in the junior colleges and the vocational schools, both the area and the state schools. This bill was introduced by Senator Carpenter, Senator Marvel and Senator Kremer, Senator Maresh, Senator Carstens, Senator Barnett, Senator Nore, Senator Elrod, Senator Stromer and Senator Simpson. We discussed it in our Interim Study and we have discussed it now for quite some time. We find that there is a definite need in Nebraska for this type of legislation. The adoption of this bill would make possible a system of state wide education in the Community College field. It is becoming apparent in the federal government that we will have to have this type of Community College system before federal funds will be forthcoming to the great extent that they have now been indicated from that particular body. Supporting this bill will be the Nebraska Association of Technical Colleges, Nebraska Association of Junior Colleges (End of Belt #2) business and industry and numerous school district officials and administrators. Presently, in our state we have 13 colleges involved in this bill. Two state colleges. Milford and Sydney, 5 area schools, area technical colleges that of Hastings, North Platte, Norfolk, Omaha and Lincoln. We have junior colleges at Scottsbluff, North Platte and McCook, Fairbury, Columbus and Norfolk.