

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess, Madam President and members if Senator Withem would yield to a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem, would you yield?

SENATOR WITHEM: I would, yes.

SENATOR MOORE: This morning on the news I heard there were two new terms in the dictionary. One was karaoke and karaoke, the other was politically correct, it's a new term in the dictionary. The simple question of the change from vocational-technical to applied technology, that is simply a name change and there is no, by definition, does not change anything other than simply a name.

SENATOR WITHEM: No, it is the terminology, the term of art I believe is the politically correct expression to use when you're talking about those items. It is not implied to allow the community colleges a year from now to come into the Appropriations Committee and say you remember that change we made where you allowed us to do these other things. It is not intended to be that at all.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess my...my question is that...is it a broader or narrower definition than vocational-technical, is I guess the question that I'm...does it change that? It was exactly the same and that's fine, just for the record, that's what I'm asking.

SENATOR WITHEM: Well I think it's a more up-to-date term. I think vocational-technical has a connotation of the types of things that maybe we had when we were in high school were part of the vocational program. Applied technology is a more up-to-date terminology that I would assume would use things such as robotics, computers, things more up-to-date, technological than the old term of vocational-technical might imply which implies to me more things like wood shop, welding, those types of things.