

years and then transfer if they want to, get a third and a fourth year onto a four-year degree granting institution. I think it's important that we do this. I think it is very important seriously that we address the issue that Senator Hillman is addressing, I do not particularly want to see us do that through the avenue she is recommending and that is a change in the funding formula that I am not entirely comfortable that I understand at this point. I think it would be a fairly drastic change but with that I would urge you to support the Withem amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senators Hillman and Moore would move to amend the Withem amendment. (Amendment appears on page 1909 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam Speaker and members, you have AM1830, 1832. It was just passed out to you and what it does is it changes the funding formula when we look at how we reimburse community colleges for what is currently called Class I and Class II vocational technical courses. I'm sure you have read in recent even years, the last few years and you have heard from your, probably your chambers of commerces, other corporations in looking at the competitiveness of businesses, the work force and the work force that we have, the training that is required and how, for the most part, many people feel that education not only in the State of Nebraska, but throughout the country is failing to prepare a work force. And what I'd like to do is talk about that a little bit and look at how we might offer some incentives to the community college in offering some of that Class II or what we would call heavy vocational classes. Class II vocational course requires the use of equipment, facilities and instructional methods not easily adapted for use in the general academic transfer program classrooms or labs. Just this last weekend I went to Milford that had an open house on their technical campus. It's a great campus. I think it's probably one of the better voc-tech schools, I'm going to assume in the country, although I have not visited all of them. But if you look at the expenditure, the cost of offering technical heavy vocational classes, the kinds of equipments they need, some of the partnerships they have created with private business to offer those, we're looking at the fact that what we would do is