

manager in Amigo's that could be making \$60,000 a year, but their perception out there is they are nothing but hamburger flippers as far as the high schools go and that that's not a vocation that you want to enter into. Somewhere I believe in the State of Nebraska we need to look at improving our work force, the types of training that they need and the wages and the idea that you don't necessarily always need a four year degree. Going through a community college and learning a skill with an applied science degree or an applied degree that you can get some of the things you need in two years. Five years down the road if you have a job and you want to continue, you want to get a four year, that's an option or you may find that you can, with some continuing education, some updating your skills, can remain in the job that you have, make a good living for your family and not need four years. I guess what I am looking at is for that student that doesn't want four years, doesn't even need the job that a four year degree will give them, it's not what they're cut out to be in life, but somewhere they have the opportunity for the kind of training that they need to be entered into the work force, but not have to get that four year degree, can get it in two, and somehow turning around what I'm going to call the mind set or the mentality, then everybody that graduates from high school has got to go on and get a four year degree before they can get a job. So I would encourage the members today to talk about the fact that one of the ways we turn some of this around, that we encourage community college to offer those courses, that we encourage them to go out and recruit and to look in high schools and to encourage students to go after a vocation that perhaps does not require a four year, also to work with corporations to identify what their needs are and how we can better work with corporations to do that job training to place students coming out of high school into jobs that will give them a good living, what I think will raise the average income in the State of Nebraska, then in turn will allow many more things to happen in the state and could only benefit the State of Nebraska in the end. With that I would take some questions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Before we go on with the discussion I'd like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony where we have 35 third and fourth graders from Lewiston Consolidated School in Lewiston, Nebraska with their sponsors. They are guests of Senator Vrtiska today. Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us today. Senator Moore, on Senator Hillman's