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are more and more not challenging enough of the children with our regular curriculum. When I was back in school we had more of a tier structure even within the classroom on children that could learn at an accelerated pace, children that were at an average pace, and I understand that they don't like to do this anymore in the classroom. But I think it makes a difference then in the entire curriculum when you don't have part of the class learning maybe at a faster pace and part staying at the average pace, and some children who may need some more help on specific areas of the curriculum. So, to me, gifted is something be...should be something beyond just someone who might need a more challenging or an accelerated pace, and I think more and more we're saying these children are gifted when really they just need to learn at a more accelerated pace than others and, yet, we're putting programming together and all these things for supposedly gifted children and a lot of times it takes them out of the classroom and they...they still have to keep up with their classroom. So there's a lot of different ideas, I guess, of what gifted means across the state of Nebraska and, to me, as far as giving money from the state to the schools that already have gifted, to me it's not very good oversight in whether that's really a gifted program that deserves to be funded by additional taxpayer dollars or whether it's just a slightly accelerated program. So when we're talking about not putting in a program at all, I guess I have to think, to me, you've got to have...you've got to have a real high ability learner program in place to make it work and I haven't seen any evidence that this bill is asking for that. So I'll continue to listen to Senator Chambers and his objections to this to try to push for programming that is truly challenging for all students and then try to get programming that is truly high-ability learner. And I would yield the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers, if he'd like to continue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers. It's two and a half minutes remaining, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Bestowed upon me by whom?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Witek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, bless you, my child. Members of the