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be available for people to discuss after reading it, to determine what the legislative history of this bill was. It is a mistake, in my opinion, for state senators to become imprisoned in an attitude that converts us into local senators. There are political subdivisions at the local level who constantly are saying let the local people have local control and determine what they're going to do and how they're going to do it, but let the state foot the bill. We all know that in a city there are different taxing entities that have an impact on those same citizens. The tax money goes for different purposes. I doubt that those local people, who are asking so much from the state in terms of aid, would be in favor of the type of mandatory standards I would like to place on education, mandatory teacher requirements, mandatory testing requirement. Despite all the talk about local control and local school boards determining this, that and the other, there's no education or competency requirement to be on a local school board. Many times people just fall into those positions because nobody else wants to seek it. I think there has to be some kind of standardized educational standards throughout the state so that education in Nebraska means something, not just we got this school board over here and they decide that, by God, we need to teach God so we're going to teach God in these schools and we're going to hire a mule skinner to do it. And so you get kids who, when they go to apply for a job, Senator Wickersham, at one of these computer magnate's places, they come in and crack that whip, "yeehaw" I want a job because God said I should have a job. And how many do you think are going to get hired? And when they find out, these students, that they were misled,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that what they were told was education was anything but, that they were a part of somebody's religious agenda, they're justified in feeling bitter. I don't think Nebraska education has too high a recognition around the country, despite the fact that I read these various articles saying Nebraska ranks here, there and other places on various polls and little ranking things that are put out. If somebody says, I was educated in Nebraska, and somebody else says, I was educated at Harvard, then I don't think the Nebraskan has much opportunity. I'm going to put my light on again, but I want to