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**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Were you done, Senator Chambers?

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you. Senator Smith, on the Chambers amendment.

**SENATOR SMITH:** I hate to belabor this, but I did want to take the unusual opportunity to correct Senator Chambers' quote on former President Reagan. And it wasn't "here we go again", but more appropriately, from this microphone to yours, is, "there you go again". (Laughter) Actually, in all due seriousness, I...I rise with concern about the available funds to adequately support a statewide program. I echo some of the prior concerns. And so I just wanted to explain that and my concern in general, and hope that some day we can come up with something, because I support vocational education. That is my educational background, and I think that too often it is not placed on a high enough priority. But I'm not certain that this bill is really the way to address those concerns. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Stuhr, on the Chambers amendment.

**SENATOR STUHR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I do not...I would support Senator Chambers' amendment. I do not have a problem with removing that "for more than one year". I believe that if we want to work on Section 5 and have a lot of specific details regarding the grant process, we can certainly do that between now and Select File. It...it seems as if sometimes you can become too specific and other times not specific enough. So I would be more than happy to work in...if people are feeling that there aren't enough details and related to the Department of Education administrating (sic) this grant fund. But I have no problem removing that sentence. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask my good friend, young Senator Smith, a