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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not through with this issue. I'm going to see what we do with this bill. And I will be plotting my course. And if it makes it to Select File, I am not going to be as easygoing as I've been today. I'm not going to be as kind and gentle as I have been today. I'm going to enter my mode of doing all I can to stop a bad bill. It's not just the amount of money. It is a policy that is bad. The timing of the bill is bad. The provision in the existing law that allows public money to go to these private schools is bad. Three strikes and you're out in any league. So, if Senator Janssen succeeds in moving this bill across the floor in its present form, he has not really gained that much. I will feel that if there is a victor in all of this, I am. There is no guaranteed amount of tuition support for anybody. So, if he brings an A bill, that can be wiped out. Then, if the budget committee, under Senator Don Pederson--I wish he'd listen--if the budget committee, under new champion...I meant new Chairman, mint...freshly minted Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, will agree to appropriate the amounts of money that Senator Janssen and the National Guard and others are going to ask, when we don't have any standard by which to judge, I will consider that irresponsible. But I'm just one person. But it will jaundice me toward the budget bill, and I will have to make changes. Brothers and sisters, viruses are smaller than bacteria, I believe. Viruses can go through openings that are too large for...too small for bacteria, so they can get places where bacteria cannot. And they have to get inside of a cell to survive. Their genetic material is designated RNA. But when it gets in there, it combines with the nuclear material in that cell, and it's converted to DNA. Then it's able to replicate itself, leave that cell, and infect another one. Viruses are tricky little devils. They probably are the politicians of the germ kingdom. But nevertheless, this that is being done in this bill is like a virus that can infect the rest of the session. Am I a virus lover? It depends on what the virus' role is. Not all viruses are bad. My amendment I think should be adopted. Then I will take my hands off the bill, and it can move to Select File, at which time I will then draft additional language to remove every reference to these private, independent, not-for-profit, regionally accredited schools, colleges, and