

point obviously and at this particular point in the country's time it seems like vocational education is at the forefront. So, I don't delude myself into thinking that we are going to go backwards on vocational education. But I wanted to go into that philosophical argument and that background because I am very hesitant, I do not think that it is wise to go full speed ahead forward. Let me give you some other reasons. We teach now some vocational education in our secondary schools. We have a number of courses that are said to be exploratory courses and by and large those courses do not take the extra money, the extra expense that the more specialized vocational education courses take. I think that we are not really talking about those courses when we are talking today. Those will be taught and perhaps they should be taught to give the student some ideas as to what is out there in the world that he might be interested in doing. But there are other kinds of courses that are very specialized and those courses tend to be very expensive for a number of reasons. One, of course, because they take equipment, very specialized equipment, that is the first expense. A lot of that equipment that we are using is quickly outdated so now, just as industry retools, vocational education has to retool and it is going to be a never ending expensive retooling process in the schools. It is also expensive, I think, in the sense that if we did this at the vocational community college level where I think the specialized courses should be taught, then we can get together groups of students who are large enough in number to teach these courses more efficiently. At the secondary school levels in an awful lot of schools there are only a few students who are interested in this course or that course so they really don't get much pick in their courses at that level, even when they have specialized courses then you end up with some students in the course who take it because there is nothing else to take, so we have an expensive course that many students may not be interested in. So the third point is besides it being not necessary, philosophically from my point of view, and besides it being expensive, I think by and large the kind of specialized vocational education courses that we are talking about are better done at the community college level. The fourth point, and this is one that Senator Remmers has dwelt on for some time now, or has dwelt on before, so I won't hit that very hard but that is that we are getting into the business of writing formulas that are no longer based, that are no longer simply giving money to the secondary schools for whatever purposes they think best, but which in fact are weighting certain types of courses and to some extent influencing the curriculum in the secondary schools. You can do this for vocational education today, tomorrow you can decide that some other course is a little more expensive than some other, or maybe you don't really decide that. Maybe you decide that you