

and who we should be electing in America, and what the relationship between morality and public policy was in America, economic issues, the discernment of truth from lies. The only method of discerning truth from lies in that situation is through the sifter that each and everyone of us has and which is provided to us by our background by our education. If you don't know history, if you don't have a understanding of people, if you don't know the world and who is in it, if you don't know a little bit about economics, how do you know, how do you separate truth from fiction? Part of my problem with vocational education at the secondary school level is that it takes away from those liberal arts, if you will, from those traditional courses, conservative in that respect, courses that we have always taught in our schools, that we have deemed to be important to a citizen in a democracy.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And expansion of vocational education, I submit to you will lead to the further degradation of those types of courses which I consider the most important. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you want to speak to the kill motion? And then we go to Senator Marsh.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am a strong supporter of public education, and I have been very consistent in my faithfulness to public education. I have voted...I think I have taken difficult positions such as voting to repeal the voter placed lid on the schools in Omaha and Nebraska City. And one of the reasons that I have been such a strong supporter of public education is because in reading our State Constitution I realize that one of the few affirmative obligations that I as a legislator have is to provide for the common schools of this state. The Constitution says, "The Legislature shall provide for the free instruction in the common schools of this state of all persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years". So one of the arguments that I have used to justify my defense of public education in this state is that you and I, fellow legislators, sit as a school board of 49 under our Constitution fashioning appropriate policies for our schools. Well, with LB 318 as a schoolboard member I am now faced with what I consider to be a very serious question concerning the education of our children in this state, and it is the kind of question that I look at rationally that causes me to support Senator