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education. We might dream they all would be capable, all want to, all have the opportunity to do so, but the facts are they don't. And because they do not, because all of the students do not go on for additional education, we need to have available at our high school level adequate educational opportunities for those students who will not have additional education to move into the job market and still be valuable economic assets to themselves and to our state. As I heard Senator Koch mention on this floor before, for the State of Nebraska to invest in vocational high school education at the fund level of a hundred thousand dollars makes me ashamed, have you checked what other states are doing in this area? Are you aware how far on the bottom of the totem pole we are in our state? LB 318 will not solve all of the problems in this area but it is a step in the right direction. I feel it is vitally important for us to acknowledge that some of our high school graduates will not have additional educational opportunities.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have 30 seconds.

SENATOR MARSH: Therefore, we need to do our very best to see that not just history, English, economics and math are available, but opportunities in vocational education as well. I urge your vote red on the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, rise in opposition to the kill motion. And I was really surprised at what Senator Beutler was saying. He is saying, transfer the education costs of the state over to the employer, teach this youngster only how to make this particular machine run, he doesn't need to know anything else. Don't waste time and money teaching him something else. All you are going to teach him is just how to run this machine. We can get robots to do that. We don't need to even spend the money. But I cannot for the life of me understand the philosophy that would say, transfer this cost to the employer and let him teach him just one thing, how to run this particular machine. Remember that this particular bill has a provision in it for gifted also, and with the increased technology that we are bumping into every day, thank goodness, we need more and more of these gifted youngster programs and we will need those youngsters' minds to get these landing craft up into the air...into space and back down here right on target again. We need more and more gifted children programs every day. If a youngster, as I understand what Senator Beutler said, if a