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youngster can't get history and geography and that sort of thing, stick him in a closet. Heck, that goes back a hundred years. We are fortunate that we are getting out of that particular thinking. And recently...Senator Beutler said, for example, that he had spoken to a group here recently and that they had not exactly reacted favorably to what he was saying. I would suggest, Senator Beutler, that you should have rethought your position, if they got that much of an opposition. And if you said the same things to them that you said on this floor today, I don't blame them for not reacting favorably to what you said. I would have reacted unfavorably too. I strongly urge you folks not to kill this bill. We just plain can't afford to go back into the Dark Ages. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the kill motion by Senator Beutler. I have, in good faith, tried to amend the bill into a shape that I could support, and I have been unable to do that. So I see no alternative but to try to kill the bill as Senator Beutler suggests. I would reiterate that I think it is a mistake for the State Department of Education to weight the formula toward vocational education as is done in this bill. We hear much these days about back to the basics...back to the basics, not that there should not be any vocational education. There should be, I am supportive of it, but I think that individual schools should not be influenced by the amount of money they get for that particular program in making that decision. Senator Goodrich's statement...his point is well taken, we do need vocational education and that is possible under the present situation without this bill. This bill merely gives the school an incentive to establish vocational education and under the present version of the bill without an A bill it is a disincentive to provide more in the way of such things as mathematics, English, sciences and so forth. I urge that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers and then Senator Koch.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I urge you to support the kill motion. One point I want to emphasize again is that 318...the vocational programs that are proposed here are going to put dollars into the large schools and the hundred and so small schools in the State of Nebraska, the high schools, are not going to get their share. I hate to make this an urban-rural split, but I think this factor is involved in this. I think