

anybody that knows the situation as far as the smaller schools are concerned, you are going to know that they are not going to get their share. I realize they can't always get an equal share. Some of the other points that have been made, in the first place we got to the point, as Senator Beutler and Senator Johnson indicated, we got to this point in history without intensive vocational programs supported by the government. The schools had them but we didn't push them real hard by the State Legislatures, and we got to the point where we are today. The questions that I see people complaining about today is that there is no interest in government. How many Juniors and seniors are enrolled in American History classes, American Government classes and Economic classes? I think you will find very few. We hear a lot of criticism that people...young people today can't write and they can't speak. How many students are enrolled in intensive writing and speaking courses in the State of Nebraska? They are not enrolled in these courses because they are taking the vocational courses. We have other courses that are important. We decided that drugs or alcohol, one of our worst problems we have today, have...did we include some special training in this area, in this bill? I believe maybe that's just as important as any other area. I just want to emphasize again, I think that Senator Beutler so well expressed my philosophy as far as the purpose of this education. I think maybe the suggestion that I heard earlier...I don't know if it's in the bill or not, to increase the required age for school attendance might be a good thing so we could include both the vocational and some of the others. But for the time being I think we should be very careful that we promote certain courses over the importance of others.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have been drinking ice water in a greater amount than I have before. Senator Beutler and I disagree philosophically and he is entitled to his philosophy, but we went away from Latin Grammar school back in the 17th Century, and I submit to you if we want to go back to it, Senator Beutler can bring some legislation before this body to strike all references to vocational education in the state law, and go back to it. Some of those astronauts that we hold up as heroes, I want to remind you, were not academicians. What Senator Beutler describes as his philosophy reminds me a little bit of elitism where only those of us who have a certain innate talent which is to read, to understand and interpret can take five years of science, can take all the English that they can put to us, all the languages that they can