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in turn keep their property taxes down. I would, however, like to point out also that Senator Koch sent around a letter this morning that I think is a very good letter and a very well written letter and it points out the fact that we are going to have to be serious about how we handle education in this state in the future. It also points out how serious we should be in the fact that education of our young people is a very, very important aspect that we should be looking at. I wonder if Senator Koch would respond to a question, Mr. Chairman, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Koch, in this letter, in the front page in about the middle, you use the word "triage". Could you explain to the body what that word means? Some people might not know. At least I didn't know until I looked it up and I think it is a rather good choice of words in this particular letter.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, it has its background in the French and it pertains to battlefield casualties and you classify them in terms of Class I, II and III; Class I being those who are...just have minor injuries; Class II as having a little more severe; and Class III being critical and that is what I meant there and you read the next paragraph you will find out it is critical and that is what I intended to say. Thank you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Koch. I would indicate to the body that what we are dealing with here is also critical. I think the young people of this state, the educational opportunities provided by the local schools is not something that we can put down on as a low priority in the battlefield casualties that we are going to have as a result of cutbacks of the taxpayers' money. I think the taxpayers expect us to be very conservative but at the same time I think they expect the quality of education to remain high when you consider the future of the State of Nebraska and the future of this entire nation depends on the education of those young people. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.