

entering a more technical era, a more...certainly more complicated era and the children ought to be better prepared rather than less well prepared.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck, Senator Moore on deck.

SENATOR BECK: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I just want to commend Senator Withem and the Education Committee for this type of program. As I look at it, since it is, as he said, yet a fuzzy...kind of a fuzzy concept, it reminds me somewhat of the magnet schools that have been used particularly in the Omaha Public School District and I think those are superlative schools. I'm thinking of a high school in my own district, so I'm putting dibs on the funds this morning, (laugh) because it's a school that is in a process of change. It's a high school that has a fine academic and vocational tradition so it's not that it's a bad school. It's a school though that we all would like to see better because it is involved in the very changing process of the society around it and the neighborhoods around it. And so I guess I'm just standing up to commend Senator Withem and I think that this would be an extremely good program. It's not an expensive one and it would give us some models, and as I said, and I hope that Senator Withem remembers and the body remembers, that I would like to see some of those funds come into District 8 into a high school that has a fine tradition, but is in a process of change, a family school, a school with a lower enrollment and one I think that would fit very well into this kind of program, and with that, I have nothing else to add.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Withem, I hesitate to rise once again on one of your bills this morning. Once again, this bill I find, conceptually, I agree with, but the more I read this bill the more concerns I have and, you know, if you read the bill Section 1, Section 2, and then you get into Section 3, Section 4 and Section 5 which I'm going to call kind of the bribe sections of the bill that encourage schools to do some things and I guess with what Senator Beck just mentioned, there is some schools already doing these things and she just made a case for my concern is the fact that why do we need to give these schools additional money if they're already doing it. And I guess the first question I have of Senator Withem is, if you take away the Sections 3 through 5 that give actual monies to some model schools, couldn't you