

else for the closing. The waiver of rules and regulations is an important part of this bill. I might indicate that this is not something that we thought of here in Nebraska. This is a form of school improvement that has taken place all across the country. As a matter of fact, Secretary of Education, Lauro Cavazos, is a strong, strong advocate of restructuring schools. This is what was talked about at the President's Summit last year when all of the governors came in to meet with President Bush to talk about what it is we need to improve education, these types of programs of really looking at the nitty gritty of how children are educated. One of the things we found, you know, the traditional way of improving education is that we brilliant people down here in Lincoln pass bills that set up mandates and make local school boards offer more of this program or more of this program or more of other sorts of programs, but they're finding that hasn't worked particularly well. But what we need to do as state policymakers is provide incentives, provide encouragement, provide the leadership to let those people that are educating kids make their decisions. One of the things that's emerged in education over the last several years is a series of fairly rigorous types of rules and regulations that must be followed. One that comes to my mind is you might have a brilliant individual up there in the City of Omaha, you know, Jim Suttle, one of your constituents who you and I both know, I think, who is a brilliant individual in terms of engineering. He wouldn't be able to go into a classroom currently because of all of our rules and regulations about who can teach and who can't. Maybe we ought to be looking at those sort of people that we can bring in. Maybe the best way to teach math and science to a given group of students is not to have a structured math program that they study math for an hour and then they go on into science for another hour, but maybe put those kids together for half a day working on math and science and problems together and they'll do a better job of learning math and science that way. Under some state department rules and regulations we can't do that. The global educ...you know, the word, I know the word "globalism" and looking at one world and all of that kind of stuff comes up whenever you use the word "global", and we had some individuals that testified, an individual testified at the hearing concerned about that language and I think I clarified at the hearing, want to clarify here today that President Bush, Lauro Cavazos, others that are saying that we need to improve our education system, say we need to do it for very selfish reasons as a country, because the people that we're sending into Senator Schmit's office to fill