

phrase, role model. But when the opportunity comes to place people in that position who are qualified, it will not be done. The Omaha Public School system, down through the years, has had a tactic of going to other parts of the country to find what they call black teachers. They will find people who may not be able to cut the mustard, they bring them into the school system and tell them, you're not really qualified, so you're not to rock the boat;...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...don't you get involved in any efforts that would embarrass the school system, because you're holding this job only through our sufferance, not through qualification. And some of these people are not competent as teachers, and our children are cheated, they are doubly cheated. They don't have the best in qualification, in terms of a teacher, and they don't have those people who would be strong role models that we always talk about. Until bills like 1059 address those issues, there is no way I can support it, because I see no benefit for those in whom I'm most concerned, and that's the children. The schools don't exist for the administrators, they don't exist for the teachers, they supposedly exist to provide free, quality education for all children who have to attend public schools, and that is not upper most in people's minds. It is a travesty when people can graduate from the eighth grade and not know how to read, not know how to spell, not know anything about geography, in fact don't know the difference between geography and geology and have some teachers who are...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in that situation. So, this bill is a political time bomb. If it's passed, there's going to be no improvement in education. When the statement is made that it's not going to change too much the amount of taxing that goes on, that might be true, but it changes who is going to pay the taxes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: As Huey Long used to say, don't tax me...don't tax you, don't tax me, tax that fellow behind the tree. Well, what is being done with the slight of hand here is to say that somebody else is going to pay the taxes without