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music, grade 5 vocal music lesson, where when I was in grade 5 probably what the teacher was attempting to teach me to sing, she was never at all successful in teaching me to sing anything, were Stephen Foster songs are one thing that I'm thinking of, other white Anglo-Saxon American composers that wrote music that was appropriate for young people to sing. What this lesson is suggesting is that we'll have the students sing a song called Lift Every Voice and Sing. And then we'll talk about the contributions of the author, of the words of the song, James Weldon Johnson, and then have a discussion about his contributions and other sorts of things. It will not take away from the existing curriculum, it will just be an alternative experience that will have a multicultural flavor to it replacing maybe some of the activities that are purely of the one race. I can see this also being done in American Literature classes instead of the litany of white Anglo-Saxon American authors. There is a multitude of authors that could be read. Instead of reading the history of the Bill of Rights, in addition to learning that, we can learn about the struggles and make the Bill of Rights applicable to all Americans and not just to the privileged few. Same way with the history. Instead of starting with the English settlements and following that development throughout American history, we can study the contributions of all Americans that have come to the shore from other countries. I think what the Beutler amendment does is it spells out in the bill what was the basis of my understanding of...my support of this bill and that is that we do not mandate new classes to be taught, but that we do mandate that local school boards examine their curriculum and make sure that within their existing curriculum they are providing a variety of multicultural experiences. So I...and I think for every reason that both Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers gave as to why that is important, I support the bill and I support Senator Beutler's clarification of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, this will be helpful because every time I have spoken this year about...which has been about five times on issues, if I've shown any concern, those bills have overwhelmingly passed so this will be much, much to your benefit no matter how I speak, it will pass. I do have some concerns I'd like to have alleviated and I don't