

in? Does Bennington have a...no, they don't, Senator Chizek. No, they don't. They don't have these...they don't have all these administrators to send these in. So I think it is a point to be taken. Twice is enough, but we will come to that when we get to my amendment. I think Bernard...Senator Stevens'...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...amendment is a good amendment except for that one part. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I think there are some people who are not comfortable with this bill and I would rather that those who don't like the bill vote against it, but these amendments I am opposed to. I had talked to a Doug Christensen, who is with the Department of Education. Senator "Bud" Robinson mentioned Rule 10. I discussed that with Mr. Christensen and that is the rule that relates to accreditation. I asked him, is anything in that rule statutory? He said, no. I said, has it been modified in the past? He said, yes. I said, can it be modified in the future? He said, yes. So anything that is subject to Rule 10 can be modified by the board. If there should come a right-wing shift in this state as is happening in other places, if there were pressure of a profound sort brought to bear on the State Board members, Rule 10 could be changed and all of this is for nought, and I want Senator Robinson to stand up here and tell me that Rule 10 is as certain and unchangeable by the board as the statute. If the statute requires this as a condition to certification, then the board cannot change that. If we leave it within the hands of the board, they can change it, and I am not confident that they will not. So, again, if we want a bill that is something of substance, I support it. If the bill is amended to the point where it is not going to accomplish the purpose, rather than have something on the books that sounds like it is addressing a problem when in reality it is not, I will offer a motion to bracket the bill. There are requirements in Omaha now with reference to multicultural education. My understanding is that Lincoln has similar requirements. Those who came to the committee hearing asking for this most fervently were those from outside of Omaha and Lincoln, the area that some people refer to as outstate Nebraska, the area to which others refer as greater Nebraska. Those young people said they need