

that it be very, very specific as to what we require them to do. With that, I will yield the time back to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Baack, Senator Baack, for helping in my closing and, quite honestly, I cannot agree more with Senator Baack, not only on the swastikas but, again, the situation that I have experienced and people in my area have experienced in the North Platte area and, really, statewide. Senator Chambers has a bill that needs to advance, and I want to work to advance it, and I think it is a little bit unfair to classify anyone who offers an amendment as someone who is trying to stop the bill from happening because they don't believe in multieducation. Truly, that may be the case on some opposition, certainly is not the case in my opposition. My amendment simply does the following, I think it makes it a cleaner way of doing what Senator Chambers wants to do. Senator Chambers, the way the bill...his bill, the way it's written now would have 800 plus school districts every year write a report on what they are doing, and someone in the department would have to go through each of those reports and verify somehow that that is being done. And I can visualize in my mind what will happen. I can visualize that somebody who is overworked, has many other things to do, is going to go through the reports and it will end up being a pro forma thing that they do simply to follow the law. And that is not what I want to see happen. I want to see this multicultural education installed in the state. I want it to be statewide. We have a tremendous difficulty in education in this area that we have to address, and this bill is going to go a long way in beginning that process. I just want to change the process such that the Department of Education will do the analysis or do the audits, if you wish, within their accreditation program. And so, consequently, in their accreditation program, it will be included on accreditation criteria. They would then actually go out into the school districts, when their time for auditing came up, and they would actually go out and look at the curriculum, review what they are doing to verify that what they said they were doing on multicultural education is, in fact, being done. And I think that is what we want. I agree with Senator Chambers, I am very leery of the Department of Education on the fact that they could change this rule, they could change. They could decide that they are not going to do certain things and that bothers me.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.