

employment. And they define education then, and that's what my amendment deals with. And when they define education, "education shall consist of the general education development program, the GED, high school, adult basic education, English as a second language or other education programs approved in the contract". And what the committee amendment has done is put in postsecondary education. So, under the self-sufficiency contract, we're putting in postsecondary education, and again I don't have an estimate on the cost of paying for people's college under these areas. But I, myself, did not have help paying for my college, never have, and I know there's a lot of people on the floor who have not had help paying for their postsecondary education. And I know that a lot of people work while they're going to school, to pay for school, a lot of people put huge loans that they're still paying off, staff people that have worked for me have had tremendous loans. And I guess it's another policy decision here that has been...that I would like some discussion on as to whether this is an expense that we need to incur and also adopting it without any idea again of how much this is going to eventually cost the State of Nebraska taxpayers and just telling us that we will now pay for postsecondary education along with all of these other areas of education. So what my amendment does is strike that language that includes postsecondary education and leaves it as it is in the green copy of the bill. And I would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, to give us some additional context, I'm going to share with all of you from the scriptures what was brought to my attention by Sister Jan McKenzie. I think it's very appropriate. I'm reading from the 23rd Chapter of Exodus, beginning with the Tenth Verse, "And six years thou shalt sow thy land and shall gather in the fruits thereof, but the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still that the poor of thy people may eat, and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner, thou shalt deal with thy vineyard and with thy olive yard." Members of the Legislature, and we were indicating that that's from the old law, and I feel that maybe Senator Witek would think it's more valuable and more correct because it was closer to God than the New Testament when all these radical ideas of Jesus came into play. We just want to get rid of all that and the liberal things he did and go back to the old way which said that the poor ought to be seen after.