

classroom. Every principle that is contained in the education system, whether it's using words well to express yourself, the children know how to do that in the street, they have no trouble being understood by anybody, whether it's a peer or a cop who doesn't like what they say because he understands so well, from the colorful language they use, exactly what they're trying to tell him or her. When it comes to using numbers you can talk about those who are involved in dope. They know how to cut these different drugs. They know how to use the scales. They even know...what do you call it when you, Senator Cudaback, we use...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...feet, inches, yards, miles. What is that they use now? What kind...what's that system they use, Senator McKenzie? Help me. Metrics. These youngsters understand metrics. And they can use it whenever they can be shown a practical application. It's a tool by which they get from point A to point B. And if I'm going to sell you something and I want to make sure you don't pay me less than what I'm entitled to, I know how to measure out what it is you're going to get, and I know how to count what you give me, too. But then you're going to take somebody from the city and ask, how many ducks does it take, if that duck lays two eggs, to produce as much in the way of egg yolk as it would take a chicken, if the chicken's egg is three times as large as the duck's egg. What do they care about ducks and chicken eggs? Talk to them about what they understand and then move to some of these more esoteric ideas.

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

SENATOR COORDSEN: Ah yeah, I never get involved in this kind of arguments or discussions. But Senator Chambers piqued my curiosity with one of the things he made in his extended, expanded statement upon the problems in education. I, like probably Senator Chambers, have a grandfather...or have grandchildren. And I imagine since both of us are long in the tooth and white in the hair that somewhere along in there we end up with grandchildren. And I, too, am a little bit embarrassed with what our educational system is doing. One of my grandsons started in kindergarten last fall. And I was a little unhappy with his mother because the little bugger couldn't read, and