

couldn't write his...well, he could draw his name, and couldn't count. Two weeks ago, bear in mind we're talking about kindergarten, two weeks ago he came out and another son-in-law, not his father, but our youngest daughter's husband, and this boy's older brother and I sat down to play the game of Monopoly. And what are we, six months into kindergarten year, and that little bugger whipped us because in that six months in this school system that we've heard about, he had not only learned to count but he learned to reason, and learned when not to buy a piece of property in order to save his money for a house and then a hotel, so he ultimately got us all. He plays chess. And this is a typical result. You know I don't know where all of these bad things are that people come about out of our educational system. But the reason that had me turn my light on is that Senator Chambers made an argument ..made a statement and I normally don't disagree with Senator Chambers, but he made a statement that it's not the parents' responsibility to educate the children. And I would close this with a question of all of us. If it's not the parents' responsibility, whose is it? If it's not the parents' responsibility to help with homework, whose is it? If it's not the parents' responsibility to see that the child, their child, their child, that precious little thing that passes immortality between the beginning and the end, is not inoculated, is not schooled in the dangerous things of their community and of their house, whose responsibility is it? I would charge you that I have very seldom serious disagreements with Senator Chambers. But I would disagree that it is the parents' responsibility, because it is their descendants. We, as society, have created an educational system to assist parents, to help parents. That school system does not take from parents the responsibility for being responsible for their children. And it's a horrible burden and a hard responsibility and a difficult responsibility.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: But if the parents uphold their end of that bargain, then the convenience we, as society, have provided in the common schools of Nebraska will enable them to provide their children with even a greater future than what they themselves have had the opportunity to participate in. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity and jogging my memory just a little bit. And I lost that game of Monopoly because that little bugger, in five months, had learned to count by fives and tens