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gambling proceeds to support education, how many of you all boast about that? I criticize you all for it, I condemn you all for it, and I'll continue to do it, and this bill, because it's going to do that, does not deserve to live.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Members, if I can have your attention, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 29. For further discussion on the motion to bracket LB 495, Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again, I will reiterate that I think this sets a very bad precedent. We ought not to be basing how we fund what we make...we consider to be good programs, good school programs on gambling revenue. If this is, indeed, a program that is worthy of funding, then we ought to stand up and say we're going to spend state money on this particular state program. If we believe that vocational education is important to the school districts in this state, then we ought to stand up and say we will fund it with state revenue. Now, in my estimation, we have made a statement today in terms of providing what we think to be a reasonable amount of state aid to school districts and I would indicate that I believe then the school districts ought to decide whether or not they think vocational education is important in their particular district, take the money that they have coming in, all the sources of their revenue, and choose to prioritize vocational education and spend the money that they have now coming in as state aid, as property tax and other sources of revenue, and spend that money on vocational education. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. For further discussion on the motion to bracket, Senator Don Pederson, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Chambers, Schimek, and Stuhr. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was going to ask Senator Stuhr some questions, but now that Senator Chambers has brought up the bracket motion, I have some concerns that I'd like to express to you. Senator Stuhr said that the reason that we're getting into this vocational matter