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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support, I'm sorry to say, of Senator Chambers' bracket motion, primarily because I looked at this bill and I read Sections 2 and 3, and they sound suspiciously like what schools have been supposed to be doing for the last hundred and some years. They're supposed to keep current with technology, they're supposed to be instructing in math, all the rest. You flip over to Section 5 and describing the various duties outlined in Section 5 would be something akin to trying nailing Jello to the wall--collaboration with employers to strengthen vocational development courses, contents and technician...techniques; developing articulation activities with postsecondary education, et cetera. These are all words. We are spending 600, or pardon me, \$6 million for what the schools were supposed to be doing. And they're not supposed to be doing that, Senator Stuhr? Something else, I would like to have this move onto a rapid conclusion, because Senator Chambers has made gambling sound like so much fun, I want to go out and buy a lottery ticket, maybe two lottery tickets. If we win, I'll buy doughnuts, not very many, four dozen. But I want you to think about this. This again is \$6 million. I don't care where the money comes from. A dollar bill is a dollar bill, it can only be spent once, and then it's not ours anymore. Even if you cut the money down, it's still money that can be spent elsewhere, like in the General Fund, where it belongs. I'm not going to take a lot of time on this. Read the bill, decide if this is what we are supposed to be doing when the schools are already supposed to have been doing this for about, like I say, the last 100 years. I yield the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. For discussion on the bracket motion, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: There has been ample debate. We have...the