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preparation involving very specialized techniques and equipment. And I'll try to explain the rest of the thought on my next time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Kiel, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR KIEL: I rise in support of the bracket motion for a number of reasons. First of all, Senator Stuhr, would you yield for a question?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Stuhr, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR KIEL: Senator Stuhr, the State Board of Education has recently been working on standards for education in the state of Nebraska. Are you familiar with whether or not they've established a standard for vocational education?

SENATOR STUHR: It is actually included under technology, and what this bill does is enhance those standards.

SENATOR KIEL: So they have established a standard for vocational education and, in doing so, they have made a statement to school districts that this is something that they should do?

SENATOR STUHR: Under the area of, as I said, of technology and expanding those kinds of skills.

SENATOR KIEL: All right. Thank you. We have stepped up to the plate a number of times, as a Legislature and as a state, to provide an adequate amount of funding to the school districts, or at least what we consider to be an adequate amount of funding to the school districts, with the understanding that then the school districts would take the money that we have provided to them, the money they receive from other sources, and provide an excellent education to the students of Nebraska. If we believe that vocational education is part of that excellent education that students in the state of Nebraska should receive, then