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few years ago, was to allow for all the credits that these students get at the community colleges to be transferable between the university and other state colleges, and the secondary...Postsecondary Education Commission made that possible. But, you know, Senator Chambers, I didn't support the lottery bill and I have never bought a lottery ticket and I don't intend to. I think it's a...I just don't think that's what our citizens should be about because nobody wins. Oh, once in awhile somebody does, but the thing's made to take money from people. That's what it's all about. The money is there. I think what Senator Stuhr is trying to do is honorable. I'm going to support her bill because I feel like that the better educated these kids are coming out of high school to go into the trades and not have to go to these...some of these higher education places where they can't afford...their parents can't afford to send them, I think that...I think it's honorable what she's trying to do and I'm going to support her bill for that reason. I don't support the lottery. The money is there and I think that I could support seeing it spent on students who will be able to use these things when they leave high school without having to attend the expensive secondary colleges. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. There are no further lights. Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your bracket motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Madam President and members of the Legislature, when Senator Dierks stood up and spoke for the bill that put the quietus on my bracket motion's chance of success. But being accustomed to occupying the short end of votes, it will not in any way deter me or dishearten me. The discussion of the approach being taken by LB 495 is worthwhile, but I think it has to be in a broader context than just training children to go to work in existing occupations. I've even heard people, while I've been on the Ag Committee...and I read, by the way. I don't learn everything I know about agriculture just from sitting on that committee. In fact, sometimes it seems like I might know a little more than some of those who testify before our committee who've been in it all their life. Maybe they're too close to it. But they complain about the importation of grains and other ag-related products from other countries while there's a problem facing those in the agriculture industry in