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also allows you to go together with another school district if you wish to, that you could combine those dollars to offer some joint programs in the area of vocational education. So when you look at it in that light, Senator Chambers, it's a little higher amount than if you're just considering that it would be \$1,600. Eight thousand dollars base for some school districts plus \$21 a student, then the dollar amount is certainly higher than what some people were talking about and I thought we needed to correct that so people had a clear understanding of the impact that it may have. With that, I give back my remaining time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I've been ambivalent on this particular issue and I've got an amendment up there that I'm going to hopefully take up if we get to moving along here. I recognize the value of vocational education, and I believe it does serve a purpose in many instances. I also understand what Senator Beutler is saying about the value of a general education that prepares you for life because most of us, if not everyone, is going to be changing careers, changing jobs, through a lifetime and it takes a certain amount of retraining. So committing yourself to one particular career perhaps early in life is not always the best way. On the other hand, everyone needs one. Sometimes you don't understand what your real calling in life is until you've sampled several varieties of jobs. At the risk of getting off the track a little bit, I saw a very good movie called "October Sky" over the weekend that talks, it was interesting, on high school, that's based in the fifties, of several young people that...in a coal mining town would have had no future at all except they got interested in rocketry, and it led to a very exciting conclusion. I don't know what the answer is to Senator Stuhr's bill. I just want to say I've got an amendment filed that will do this one time. I don't know whether that's the right answer. I don't know whether that's a proper consensus. But it does inject some money in the vocational education program. It would take away a little bit of those that say it encourages gambling because this will use the money one time that is in there, \$3.2 million. It doesn't fund the future and I assume that Senator Stuhr would not be very enthused about