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beneath the cruelty of human beings nor the stupidity level. When we come to a Legislature, actions will be taken often on the basis of what particular special interest group spends the most money, makes the loudest credible threats to various legislators relative to their being able to continue a career in politics. If you've been around and paid attention to anything, you know that no member of this Legislature is going to be removed from office on the basis of one single issue. I probably am the most controversial person in his own district than any man in this Chamber or any woman in this Chamber. If you went throughout my district and picked certain issues and asked people how they feel about those issues and my position on them, they'd tell you, Chambers is crazy, he shouldn't even be in there. But then you mention nine other issues, then they say, well, but he's okay on these nine. So you could line up everybody in my district who votes, who is eligible to vote, and put the question to them in the right way and they all would say they're opposed to me and think I should not be in this office. But I do what I think is right, not just based on what people in my district tell me. I have a college education. I have a law degree. When we get an education, when we gain experience, our duty is not to reflect ignorance. We are to be an example and we should demonstrate the value of education. We should demonstrate how experience is to also be a teacher. We should learn from the mistakes of others in order that we will not repeat them ourselves. I don't care how many states have a law of the kind we're talking about here. It is the wrong thing to do. Some people don't realize that in England they didn't even have a police force until 1829, when Robert Peel organized one. That's why they're called bobbies, and they were not armed. In many countries today, police are not armed. So, to take the experience of America and extrapolate from that and create what might be called human nature and apply it to every other country and every other people on the face of the earth is a mistake. Senator Beutler, on a different bill, was talking about the value of...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a broad education. The broader, the deeper, the more quality a person's education is, the more likelihood that that person, when in a position to take a