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SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you were selecting the language, would you have said it's essential to the educational progress?

SENATOR SMITH: I probably would not use the term "essential", no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I know what the answer is going to be. I didn't ask Senator Landis because he'd give me one of those, well, the sun rises in the east, which would mean his answer is that this is not essential. But do you see the kind of stuff we're putting in here? So eager is the Legislature to be a huckster for the chamber of commerce that it is using chamber of commerce overstatement, hyperbole, the kind of thing you'd find in cheap advertisements. Unfortunately, Senator Suttle brought to my attention the fact that the Board of Regents have sold the interior of the Devaney Center to all these different commercial operations for \$8 million, so they'll put all their banners and their stickers and decals all over the walls of the Devaney Center. Every thing is for sale in Nebraska, every thing, including the Legislature. How can we say that we have legislative integrity when we put this kind of stuff into the statute books of the state? This is the kind of Legislature you have. I ought to send this, when you-all enact it into law, if you enact it and the Governor signs it, to people around the country who write articles and say this is what the level of understanding is in Nebraska. Their educational system is so pathetic that it was essential that they build a convention center in Omaha to make possible the progress of education in their state. This convention center being built is essential to the educational prog...progress of this state. Without this convention center, you won't have the progress. That which is essential is that something without which the thing is not what it is. So without that which is essential to progress, you have no progress. A motor is essential, a functioning motor is essential to the self-propulsion of an automobile...an automobile. Take away the motor, and you don't have a self-propelled vehicle. So take away this convention center, and you have no educational progress in this state. I expect you to defeat this amendment also because you agree with this. Certainly, you agree with it. I had hoped that there was more