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they could come to another place where they were enslaved and get out of their slavery. Somebody ought to check and see if Cicero knows anything about that, or Aesop. But, at any rate, there were certain subjects which were appropriate for a free man to know and these subjects constituted what has become known as a liberal education--the education of those who are free. Now, if people don't even know what those terms mean...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...how in the world can they expect to put together a curriculum that would result in a liberal education if a liberal education is what is desirable? When we talk about educational matters on this floor, we don't even discuss things of the intellect. We talk about local control and those who are in the localities want the state to pay the majority of the freight, and I say if we are going to pay the majority of the costs we should set the standards, and the least we can do is something along the lines of what Senator Beutler is giving us the opportunity to do this afternoon.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further debate on the Chambers amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 812. Senator Redfield. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is, or at least has become clear to me, a very complicated area and issue, and I would like to I guess try to separate some things here a little bit. One...one of the arguments here is a single statewide test versus school-based assessment. Now one of the things I think to keep in mind is that we're, to some extent, shooting at a moving target. Senator Beutler mentioned that many of the states in the nation have a single statewide test and I think there was a time not too many years ago when that was regarded as the appropriate approach. More recently, there have been difficulties presented as a result of that approach, and so I think there's been more interest in some alternative approaches, particularly school-based assessment, so that in a sense Nebraska, if you could say being behind in adopting a single statewide test, has in some sense translated itself into a bit of an advantage. Now I will have to tell you that I have been in favor or at least