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careful about how it expresses itself. Misunderstandings may nevertheless arise, but not as many and not from such trifling causes. So the reason I think it would be good to do what Senator Beutler is suggesting is because we're making a step, we're taking a step in the right direction. Now, maybe people...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on the western edge of this state, well, they're close to Denver, but in that part known as greater Nebraska, will never earn as much money as people on the eastern side, but what is there that says a child whose home is on the edge of a meadow should have less intellectual stimulation and development than one living in the heart of the Old Market district or whatever that marketplace is in Lincoln? Now I don't know if they're known for intellectual pursuits, but I'm just using that as an example. My amendment though is very simple and I don't think there will be any objection to it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr, on the Chambers amendment. Senator Stuhr, on the Chambers amendment, if you want to speak on the Chambers amendment. Senator Beutler, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, let me say that I certainly am in favor of the Chambers amendment. I think it makes it a little better. You know, I think we have to think carefully about who we're listening to on this matter and what their interests are, and what the interest and attitudes are of people generally in the state. You've heard that you're going to have this kind of backlash and angry people if you have...if you set strict standards for the students of the state. Folks, I ask you again to look at this survey that was done that was passed out to you. The first question was, students should not receive a high school diploma unless they meet Nebraska state standards. I mean this is way, way beyond anything you and I would ever think about given the good state of our schools. I mean, we're not going to require at any time that I can see in the immediate future or maybe ever that a particular student have to meet a state standard in order to graduate. In fact, I have grave reservations about that. If the students aren't doing well