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into commands for the wires and it keeps the missile on course, there's another type of thing called fire and forget, where they have an optical recognition system that memorizes the shape of the target and you can pull the trigger and then go on to something else. That is a weapons characteristic. We have a legislative characteristic called fund and forget--give them the money and then, for God's sake, don't ask them what they do with it. If you have a standard you can exceed the standard or you can meet the standard or you can forget the standard. Now, it's been noted in this body that Nebraska has superior grades in SAT and ACT, and those are tests taken by some, not all, I believe, of the students. A couple of weeks ago I and a friend went for coffee and he doesn't drink coffee so he had tea, I had coffee. I asked the waitress how much I owed her and these were her exact words: well, let's see, \$1.65 and \$1.75, whatever that comes to. Graduate of Norfolk Senior High, and I said, well, would you settle for \$1.40, and she walked over to the bar and took a piece of paper and a pencil and added it up. I really think we ought to have a standard somewhat higher than whatever it is we have now. And I asked Senator Bohlke about the adherence to laws that we passed less than two years ago. She said, well, there's some wiggle room. I urge the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment and Senator Chambers' amendment and see if we can't take some of the wiggle room out of it and then, instead of having a "fund and forget" let's bear in mind that we are spending taxpayers' money and it's our responsibility, no one else's, our responsibility to see to it that the money is well-spent, that we get value for money. And if we are paying in this state something like \$1.5 billion a year as the total cost of our educational system that we have something to show for it other than an inability to add two simple numbers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. For debate on the Chambers amendment to the Beutler amendment, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just wanted to ask Senator Beutler a couple questions if I might.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.