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actually knew what was available and the many careers that are available to them. So I'm hoping that we can all work together and really come back next year with a proposal that will be all-inclusive, that really will address the needs of many of those students. I haven't talked about statistics that they...about 70 percent of the students begin a university, a four-year career and statistics prove that about 20 percent actually graduate, now that's nationwide. I think we have a higher percentage in Nebraska, which I'm very proud of. But it then also proves the point that we do have to provide some of what background for these students. So, I hope that you will support this proposal of having a task force. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. We are on AM3193 to LB 495. Senator Bohlke, followed by Senator Kiel, Redfield, and Hilgert. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and, Senator Stuhr, if you would respond to a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Stuhr?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Stuhr, would you be opposed if those of us who had always supported your original bill were to amend this to put that back in on General File and we have that discussion yet this morning?

SENATOR STUHR: No, I would not be opposed to it.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, as we have an amendment being drawn up now and I hadn't...I don't want to surprise you totally, but it goes to the very point that we were trying to make, that you've worked long years, hard. I think there's a need out there in our schools that I have seen, especially as technology changes and the great cost of the equipment, which I think I've always told you was the area that I thought was particularly difficult for schools. And I had thought, beings we had a bill introduced by the Governor, that he also thought it was a problem and a priority, that we would be able to get this done. I thought it was more appropriate, because of the work you had done over the