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year. We're only...actually, school is just concluding, but, as we know, most schools begin in the middle of August, so those plans are already made. I think Senator Redfield pointed out there are courses offered in some of the private and the independent colleges that are not offered elsewhere. I know that Concordia has a computer program. I don't know exactly what it is, but it is not offered in any other school. So, again, we're talking about low-income students. We are talking about the need going directly to these students and then the students making the choice. My concern, again, is that the state of Nebraska could actually be losing funding if we make such a narrow focus. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on FA1340, if you care to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I think I'll withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have another amendment. However, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until May 25, 2003.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion of LB 407.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, now it begins. I'm going to offer that amendment again. I didn't want to take a vote on it right now. It's too soon. I thought that there would be more debate on Senator Maxwell's bill and that would have helped in my softening up process. I know that it takes me pounding the nail. And why can I say it in advance? Because it always works that way. Let me mention an incident that took place that involved not a private school but a state school. There were some black students who were not being fairly treated. My colleague, Senator Vrtiska, had interceded and had done all that could be done to try to get some justice. Things were not going the way