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what Bush did in Iraq was worse. That area is known as the cradle of civilization. Some of the most valuable artifacts, writings, artwork, and things of value that nourish the human spirit and the intellect have been destroyed. That country will never recover. It may have been Tacitus who said, they created a wasteland and called it peace. That is what I see. Maybe you all see a great victory; I don't. Had this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...bill not been offered in that context, I would just be talking about the lack of prudence in going from 75 percent to 100 percent tuition payment, especially when we haven't considered all of the ramifications. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of the Chambers amendment. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I appreciate Senator Schimek's comments and I will have an amendment. I have filed an amendment to say up to 100 percent And I had...my staff had gone through, of tuition. preparation for this bill, the statutes of the surrounding states to see what theirs was, but we also are using a web site that we pulled the information we gave that's been passed out to you about what other...our surrounding states are doing. web site also has all the states in the United States in it. And we were told by committee counsel this may not up-to-date, but we did double-check these with the statutes of those states. So the information you have is accurate. I would suggest we do...there are only two states that have 100 percent. One is Wyoming, and they use their mineral tax money for It's all directed, and they may be in a position a education. little stronger than some of the other states to be able to do Kansas language says up to this as an entitlement program. 100 percent, which I think would get to the issue of whether or not, when other federal programs become available, as they are now with money that's being appropriated at the national level because of concern for people who are at war, who have gone to war, and that's an annual appropriation that may or may not be