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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Senator Chambers, in light of that conversation, who, in your mind, your learned mind, I might add, would be the best candidate and the best type of person to teach the Spanish language in Nebraska?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When a language is to be taught, the one most suitable, in my opinion, would be one, first of all, who speaks the language, who understands the culture which produced the language, one who respects the culture and the people whose language it is.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers always has a great ability to answer a question quite correctly. What I want to discuss a little bit about is an opportunity that we have to produce more people just like that to educate children in the Spanish language, and to do a myriad of other things and contribute to society in Nebraska. We have a bill in the Education Committee right now that would allow children of immigrants who are educated in high school here in Nebraska, who reside here in Nebraska, who contribute on all the athletic fields and the speech and the drama departments in all of our high schools, and academically qualify in every manner, an opportunity for them to go to the universities of Nebraska at the same cost that all the young people here in front of us go to, a resident tuition. Right now, they have to pay three times as much tuition as other children. That's unfair. That does not allow them to contribute in a meaningful way as adults back to society, an educated society. I would implore the Education Committee to reconsider bringing that bill to the floor of the Legislature, so we can have debate. Something that I feel very strongly about and very passionately about, and I'd like more of an opportunity to talk about this. The way we can do that is bring it to the floor. I ask the Education Committee to do that. Thank you, Mr. President. If I have any time remaining, I'd like to yield it to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, about 2, 44.