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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, am going to support the Beutler amendment. I believe Senator Brown is correct when she says that the A bill would automatically create \$8 million as the low bid, and I don't think we want to do this. We certainly have a number of other needs for the dollars in our budget and I don't believe we want to establish right now, not knowing what it is going to be or what it's going to cost, as a priority. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is more fun for me than I thought it would be. It has given me more opportunities to express opinions than any other bill has given me, opinions of a kind which do bear directly on what this bill is talking about, although when it was offered I'm sure the ones who supported it had no idea it would implicate the kind of things that I'm talking about. When you discuss education, you're opening the field to everything about which human beings can know, speculate about, or even be in error about. You're talking about the human mind. You're talking about shaping it. You're talking about putting information into it and you need to talk about who is going to put that information in, the competency of that person, and even to some extent of what the information consists. I am not one of those who feel that the schools have to teach subjects that accord with my particular view of a subject, but I don't believe the classroom ought to be teaching that somebody up in the air created everything that we see just the way it is. I don't believe that ought to be taught in the classroom. Teach that in churches. Teach that in insane asylums, but don't put it in the classroom. That's not what the classroom is for. Do I think evolution occurred? It makes a lot of sense to me and there is evidence of evolution even occurring right now. But it does not occur in the following