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at the career education bill that I have brought before you. (Crashing noise) And it certainly is a bill that is going to affect the lives of many students. So with that, I ask for your support. And we've had a little disruption here on the floor, but (laugh)...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Carry on.

SENATOR STUHR: ...but I will try to carry on. With that, I will be supporting the amendment, and I hope that you will, too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. After the commotion has tamed down here, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I don't know how long we've been on this. And I usually...I don't know if I pride myself on this, or at least try to make an effort to add something (laugh) to just about every discussion, at least something new, or quite possibly something that, I don't know, might entertain or might amuse. I don't know if I can do that here. But I will say this, and I think it's...I haven't heard this yet. Sometimes we go through this process, the last three years I've been through it, I've taken stock of some of the things that I have always thought are important. Everybody in here has done that. Everybody in society does it in regard to public policy and where government should spend its money. But in particular, the 49 people on this floor do it at least once a year for a week or so. And sometimes there's stock answers. And the stock answers include prioritization. The stock answers are: We know we have a constitutional obligation to fund K through 12 education; we know that we have, in a lot of ways, obligations to help the neediest--and define "neediest"--but to help the neediest in our society as much as we can and on a consistent basis; and also, a governmental role, a priority of government doing the best that it can possibly do to protect its citizens. There are some...and like I said, it's a stock answer, but I go through some of these things every year at this time. Last year, we took an ax to the door of the treasury, ripped it open, and took \$15 million, dropped it into an archaic statute, and called it