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driver, so lively and quick, that I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. Well, what to my wondering mind should come, but a revelation that Senator Kremer is not trying to be funny. Senator Kremer is not imitating me. Senator Kremer is going to pull a fast one on these inattentive senators and try to establish that a job which requires specialized, technical, specific knowledge should be held by one who has none of that knowledge, but everybody below that person has got to have it. Why, this person sitting up on top, supervising, doesn't even know if those being supervised are doing the job in the way they should. What kind of notion is that, other than something that would crop up in Nebraska where you have a guy running for Congress who has to be told by his momma, put your hat on or you'll get a cold in your head. I mean, something is going on here, and I'm missing it. But if Senator Kremer is serious about that amendment, and if Senator Kremer offers that amendment, and if Senator Schrock, Senator Langemeier, and others who have an interest in this bill vote for that amendment and it's adopted, this bill can't go anywhere. Why, I would be ashamed, embarrassed, humiliated, mortified to know that I'm a part of a legislature that would put something like that on the books, when we're constantly talking to our children about the necessity of being qualified. What does qualified mean? Having the knowledge, the expertise, the capability to perform the functions and requirements of a job. And we're saying this is a job that requires this kind of knowledge, but we want to put in the statute that you can be as dumb as a post and you can get this job. If you know somebody who knows somebody, they'll put you in this job, and all you have to do is sit up there and look. You don't have to know anything, but you supervise. Here's Senator Kopplin, an expert in education and administration. So he and I are applying for a job, and the job requires the qualifications that Senator Kopplin has, the abilities,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they ask me, Ernie, what kind of qualifications do you have? I say, well, I went to school. They say, bam, you got the job, because by god, you went to school. You know what going to school is all about. And then