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have turned a blind eye to those who lay in the streets and now we ignore the education for children who, without substance abuse education, may come to the same ignominious end. Why would you not act on behalf of our children if we ask you? I would do so for you. For me, that certainly sums it up. I would offer the balance of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, "Lady" Howard, thank you, Mr. President. I had not intended to talk about the art position. But since Senator Thompson touched on it and she did it in the proper way and in the perspective of a global community, it is something which ought not to be ignored. If Senator Don Pederson, who thinks that these positions are not important enough for us to fund and that the Department of Education should squeeze out money from someplace, it's somewhat ironic. And you all might wonder why, when I ended the last time, I mentioned all the talk about education yesterday. People seemed like they really cared. But now we're talking about a department with that name which is doing things that directly impact on education and we're not willing to give these piddling amounts in very critical areas. If Senator Pederson happened to be depressed, I don't think he'd go sit in front of a little gadget like we have here and let those little icons or whatever they call them run back and forth across the screen or go into one of these game rooms where you can hear all the beeping and other noises that the technological marvels produce. He might go to a symphony. He might listen to an orchestra. Maybe he likes Mozart. Maybe he likes Bach. Maybe he likes Handel. Maybe he likes any of a number of these people, even Chopin. Now he wrote a funeral march which, to me, is a highlight. And if most people heard it, they might know it's a dirge, they may not.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there are times when music can do what nothing else can do for a troubled, wounded spirit. Art consists of all of those creative areas that Senator Thompson touched on and they are highly respected throughout the world,