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mostly home-based preschool system of the United States is superior to the government-provided or mandated preschool in European countries. That's measured by the fact that U.S. kids do not...excuse me, that U.S. kids do far better on tests than the European age peers in the early grades. They do not begin to fall behind them until the secondary years. So again the point, at least from the research that's being done, is a balancing act. It's a balancing act between meeting the needs of those children who need it--which is what generally we talk about on early childhood education, about the low-income families and the students that need that--and balancing it by mandating it for all. And mandating all-day kindergarten is something that I have a concern about. As a parent looking to the future and looking to the opportunities and looking to how I see myself involved in the educational opportunities that my child will participate in, I see myself being an active participant. And that may not happen in all cases and in all scenarios, but if we're already doing this now, and it's up to the schools to decide this, and we believe that the parents should have a say in this, then why are we taking away their right to have a say in whether or not their child is going to be in attendance of a kindergarten program the entire day? And if you look at the research again that Senator Redfield and others have pointed out, there is no discernible evidence that there is a benefit after the third grade for those students. In fact, if you look at the fact that those students have less behavioral problems when they have an opportunity, such as the parent being more involved in their life, then it's actually a detriment to our society to be able to mandate this and take away that option for parents. So I think we need to be careful, we need to think clearly about what it is that we're doing and whether or not the policy we're adopting actually promotes the higher learning opportunities that we claim it does, because obviously the research done, even within the state of Nebraska, doesn't point that way. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Beutler. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM2466? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Voting on ceasing