

one of those high schools which I suggest to you is a completely impractical goal in terms of the dollar amounts of money that would be required to do that. If some day in the future our high schools are reduced to have that number where there were a large enough number of students in each school to justify the kinds of expenses that would be envisioned by a comprehensive vocational education program, then I think we might think again about this kind of a bill. But at this particular point in time not only is there some doubt as to the educational validity of what is being done but I have some very serious doubts about the practicality of what is being suggested. Finally, I hope you will take a little time to read a couple other of the handouts that I handed out to you. One is called "Democracy in Education," the other, "The Same Objectives for All" which was taken from a little book that I read recently. It makes a very strong argument or case against the two-track system of education, that is the presumed academia track and the vocational ed track and I think that the points that it makes are very legitimate points and should be thought through very carefully. For example, they point out in the section on democracy in education that universal suffrage, the idea of everybody voting, and universal schooling are inextricably bound together. The one without the other is a perilous delusion. Suffrage without schooling produces mobocracy, not democracy, not rule of law, not constitutional government by the people as well as for them and it goes on to point out that the democratic promise is equality through education.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: To a large extent it is that concept of opining quality, equality, through the educational system, through the educational process and I think that is a very real thing that happens in American society and we want to be sure that it continues to happen and, Mr. Speaker, I will use more time...I would like to leave my light on and speak again if I may on those particular points. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel) May we have order in the Chamber, please, so that we can hear the speakers. Senator Vickers.