

this idea is not even a good idea, whether you wanted to do it or not. But the voc. colleges are there for every student who is interested in vocational education after he graduates from high school, just as our colleges are there for every student who is interested in academic subjects at that particular point in time. Secondly, I think that the other direction that we should be going, instead of what is being suggested today,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...are direct programs that are geared directly towards industries coming into the state, allowing them a certain dollar amount to train people specifically for their particular industry. I think one of the main problems with vocational education at the secondary school level is you buy equipment, then it is obsolete right away, then another industry comes in and you need people trained in a completely different area. There is no way high schools can anticipate all the different areas in which the training is necessary. It is better to give the money directly to industry to allow them to train our people specifically for their industry.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So I think that is a better way to go also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman. Members Hefner, Sieck, Rod Johnson and Remmers have asked for recognition on this bill also. Senator...and Senator Higgins. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, the first question I would like to raise is to remind you that a bill similar to this was passed in 1984 and was vetoed by Governor Kerrey. So I think we should find out, first of all, what the Governor is going to do with this bill before we advance the bill. The second thing that I would like to bring out is that it gives a lot of control to the Department of Education as new criteria would be made up and would require qualified teachers and a quality curriculum. Well, that's kind of a broad statement. We don't know what they are going to come up with. I will have to agree with Senator Beutler on one point. These programs are offered in voc-technical schools, and maybe it is doubling up on what