

Lindsay's motion so quickly. But I heard this morning Senator Brown's amendment and the discussion of it. And, Senator Brown, the idea of having cuts in academic programs come last is very appealing. Senator Lindsay is adding another thing that should be considered before you get to the academic cuts. But I would like to ask Senator Brown a question, 'cause I don't see Senator Lindsay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brown, when you say academics, just in general, what kind of...what are you referring to?

SENATOR BROWN: Classroom programs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, what we would call the meaty subjects that we usually think school is designed to teach?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, when I look at the fact that adults who have been to school and who constantly tell me that schools were better when they were attending, that more attention was paid to the three R's, reading, "riting", and Ritalin, well, it was "rithmetic" then but now it's Ritalin, which is what they give to children, a drug to try to keep them under control, everything was better. But whenever you ask these same grown people questions about history, they don't know the difference between Maginot and marginal, they don't know the difference between Rommel and Rumstead, they don't where Bosnia is, they don't know what Rwanda is, they don't know whether John Quincy Adams was the father or son of John Adams, they don't know who was the only president to be elected to the House of Representatives, if any of those things are important, but these are the kind of questions they put to youngsters to determine whether or not the schools are doing their job. So if all the adults, who went to these schools that were so much better, can't answer these questions, it's clear that we don't need academics, because it's all forgotten anyway. Whenever you pick up these business magazines and they print articles about those who've made tons of money, most of these people had no education. So every concrete example that's given shows that education really is a waste of time, it's just a way to provide people with an easy