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going to be frustrating a lot of our efforts here in the Legislature on these school financing issues that we battle with almost on a yearly basis now, but I think the courts could ensure that that occurred on a yearly basis and do in other states. There are tremendous school financing battles going on across the United States, and this is not only in the equality area, but also in the quality areas that some of the more...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...more descriptive language that they've adopted into their constitution. So we're not, at least with this language, we're not adopting the quality language that was in the 411 and 412, but we certainly will be adopting the equal protection language that has been used in at least six other states that William Thro could give us this morning: That would be California, Tennessee, Connecticut, Wyoming, Arkansas, and West Virginia, in these school financing battles. And I just don't know why we would choose to open ourselves to this area when it's not necessary to gain equal protection for any of the citizens in the state of Nebraska. We already have it under the federal constitution. But it...what it does do is go ahead and open up our courts to their interpretations on these issues, and as you can see from some of these other state battles, they have been very costly and very time consuming, and very difficult for the states to, not only the court battle, but the decisions afterwards on having...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...judges decided equality.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Seeing no further lights. Senator Kristensen, to close.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. And I do appreciate Senator Witek's questions and, of course, her concerns. Let me answer them like this: You're going to be asked to put something in the Nebraska Constitution that says we're going to treat people equally. Why would you be afraid of treating people equally? The second issue is, there are all sorts of legislative things that we do that treats