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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It means that. Now the remedy to that is not this bill. Or any other bill except the bill that comes in to correct it. Now I would agree with the Senator from Omaha you have got a lot of schools, I've said so many times that ought to be burned down. Because they are unfit, some of them for the education of children, black or white. Now that's another problem that we can't solve in a constitutional amendment. And I've helped the Senator from Omaha every way I can not because he's black, and not because he isn't white because I agree with him in these particular things. Now I'm not going to get myself in a broad question of answering yes or no. Where you can't answer yes or no. I want to associate myself with him to correct the things that he complains about. And I think most members of this body, they've shown that time and time again. Now what does his resolution say. This is all we're talking about. If I can read it. And this is what it says- No student shall be assigned to nor compelled to attend any particular public school on account of race, religion, color, or national origin, or bussing used for such purpose. Now that's all there is to this Resolution. It's everything he advocates. I'm against using bussing, forced bussing for anything. Anything. And in some states they do that. There's a conflict of the courts decision. I'm in sympathy of what Senator Chambers advocates, but this bill has nothing to do with that. It only verifies what I think he wants he wants and what I believe in. And it's not what he is talking about, or what Senator Stahmer is talking about. They have a problem in Omaha. Why don't you bring in a meaningful bill in order to correct it. Instead of yapping about this thing, he's just like for example a cat that is being pounced on. By two or three people or a dog catcher. Now this is an innocent thing that you've used for the same purpose that you are using me in using it. For political purposes. And all I want to do with this is what I want this body to stand up and say you are either for forced bussing or your are not.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter. Senator Chambers had the floor and I realize that.. Senator Chambers back to you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't mind him elaborating on this because the way the questions were phrased he should be entitled to give..you know the opportunity to expand on what his thinking is. Senator Carpenter mentioned that I'm not brilliant enough to do what I attempted to do this morning, and I have stated for those of you who missed it that it's not a question of brilliance, it's a question of right. And state to you some of the things that I framed in the sort of a question earlier. If you say that children have a right to go to a decent school and because of the selection of sites where school are built. The schools where a decent educational opportunity are offered are far removed from that student's home. Then there has to be some means of transportation provided to get from home to schools. You are doing more than what Senator Carpenter indicates to you that you're doing in the last statement he made. Right now in Omaha they what they call a special transfer system, whereby a child they say can go