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SPEAKER PROUD: Well I have a question of somebody. I guess Senator Cavanaugh. What's the general subject matter of the bill?

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You read the statement of intent, Senator?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well that is the general subject matter.

SPEAKER PROUD: Well, in that event, I took that to be education. Is that correct? That the general subject matter is education. Is that correct?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I also note, That the introduction is sought by the Miscellaneous Subject Committee. Is that correct? Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR PROUD: Then I assume that the bill is going to be referred to the Education Committee, which is the prerogative of the referral board of which I am a member, and although I have been a little lax in checking these bills I certainly will insist to the best of my ability that this goes to the Education Committee. I'm pleased to have that information.

PRESIDENT: All right, the next to speak is Senator Fellman and Senator Richendifer. Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I really.. Iv'e been very quiet this morning, at least one point where..Thank you..Thank you..that's the only applause I've ever received. And I'm not a candidate for election to this body again. Though I would acknowledge that while I'm here I am trying to be a politician. I think that's the law. I think a man doesn't really become a statesman until he is dead. I buy that old adage. I really can't see why this has developed into a great big debate over the mere introduction of a bill; and I certainly can't see Senator Dickinson or anybody else that represents people in the large metropolitan area in Eastern Nebraska, why anybody would be opposed to discussing and debating this measure. It goes without saying that the problems of Vocational Education are serious, that we have great needs there, and that regardless of how well we are doing, we are not doing enough, and we are not doing it well enough. A few days ago there were those of us, including Speaker Proud and myself and Senator Savage that voted with Senator Stahmer to introduce a bill that in affect would abolish District 66, that we proudly represent here as a..talk about a loyal opposition and a loyal minority. There are three of us who have that little school district in our legislative districts. We have gone to bat for it countless of times, and we were asked, at least I was, why I would join in the introduction of a bill that in affect would abolish that district when I'm opposed to the essence of the bill. And my answer very simply was, that I would do a favor for Senator Stahmer who wanted the bill introduced for discussion and debate. Exactly the way I would ask him to do a favor for me. To introduce a bill for discussion and debate and to withhold judgement. Until that is over. Now I can't see where Vocational Education itself is a subject that anybody is against. How it's run; where it should be run; who does what. Are subjects that this