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supporting people for the school boards to represent their point of view but not many of us can take off and go fishing for salmon and do that. Not many of us have a built-in cost of living in our retirement programs, not at all. It is rather interesting too...

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds left.

SENATOR KOCH: ...that this meeting was held, this election was held late in July and certain people didn't know what it was all about and you always talk about the teachers but let me tell you there is a group of people in Omaha they are called the Citizens for Quality Education and I want you to know, Senator Stoney, many of them come from Burke High School. That is where you live and they are not teachers. They are parents with children. I have a letter here from a mother who has a tennis player and I don't blame her. I would be proud of a tennis player too, particularly a champion, but that program may be cut out and I happen to believe when you start cutting programs like tennis and athletics and music and art and a lot of other things, you are taking away a great laboratory of learning and offers great potential for future earnings in terms of dollars and that is what we are always worried about. I will not accept Senator Burrows' amendment of two years. Senator Burrows, I despise your remarks that we are being discreditable in here by trying to trim a lid.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I have to rise to oppose the Burrows' amendment also and while I think Senator Burrows is sincere in his attempt to offer a compromise, I don't believe it is a compromise and I don't believe it can be justified either. I think that is exactly what we must do as a body, is try to make sure that we can philosophically justify anything we do in this regard. There is a tremendous amount of emotion on both sides of this issue, those who wish the cost of government not to increase even though they want the services the government must provide and those who wish that those services be of quality even though that means there will be an increase in the cost of those services and I would like to speak, Senator Burrows, to your proposal for two years because in the end there is no justification for two years. I think Senator Koch's remarks are very eloquent when he says, if you believe in local government, if you believe in local control and