

motivate that youngster to stay in school and learn all of those various things that we think are important for them. There are probably not too many people on this floor that understand that any better than I do since I certainly lacked a certain element of motivation at one point in my life, maybe I still do, I'm sure there are those that would agree to that. But it seems to me that if that person who is not too motivated and not turned on learning literature by reading Shakespeare, then, for crying out loud, let them learn to read by reading a parts manual. The important thing is for them to read, learn how to comprehend, understand. But to simply say, no, we don't really have any real great interest in promoting anything having to do with vocations, then what you are doing to that person that is not turned on is you are giving them an opportunity to drop out I can assure you. Absolutely, absolutely it is true. They may be turned on right now to becoming a mechanic, reading parts manuals, or whatever, but at some point in their life they are liable to be turned on to something else and want to go back to college. Then, if they don't have that high school diploma in hand, if they haven't learned to read and comprehend, even though it was a parts manual not Shakespeare, then they are going to be behind the eight ball, and who is going to be paying for it. Senator Johnson talked about funding and the fact that we probably aren't going to have the money and therefore we ought to just stop it right now and forget it. Senator Johnson has been around here, I think, long enough to figure out that the budgetary process is a matter of setting priorities. You know that sounds very similar to me of what is going on back in the great capital of wisdom on the Potomac right now, where they are talking about now, under the current budget discussions, totally doing away with any funding whatsoever for soil conservation service programs, \$194 million, and I suppose there are those that follow Senator Johnson's opinion and will say, well, that is fine, we'll just do away with it then, we don't have the funds to do it because we need to cut the budget so that is fine. But at the same time you've got to understand that they are going to really expand and can build a bunch of MX missiles. One of those MX missiles we can't even afford to fire is going to cost about four times more than the whole soil conservation program would. So it is a matter of setting priorities. Maybe the priorities are greater for MX missiles. I don't know. Maybe the priority, later on, in this body will be greater for some other purpose rather than vocational training. I