

new accreditation system.

SENATOR HIGGINS: All right, will this new system that you're talking about...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...going to give some method of measuring what is really quality education. You'd agree with me that those courses I mentioned...

SENATOR VICKERS: That's correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...have nothing to do with educating an individual.

SENATOR VICKERS: That's right. This would be designed to...

SENATOR HIGGINS: But this program you're talking about is definitely going to do something about that.

SENATOR VICKERS: I would hope so, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield, please. I might mention to you that it's a little loud in the conversation at the back of the room. Will you please hold it down. Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, \$30,000 is not very much money, but here is your opportunity to save \$30,000 and still...this is kind of a you can have your cake and eat it too situation. Checking with the fiscal office and the kinds of things that this program would accomplish, it would go for things, as Senator Vickers has already discussed, and regardless of the merits of the program and some of the issues that Senator Hartnett has raised in particular, the kinds of things that will go on, the workshops, the travel, the testing, bringing...it is our understanding there would be a consultant brought in on effective education, some computer discs, probably just by the mere fact that that program is already underway, a lot of those kinds of things have been acquired but there is quite a lot of flexibility in this budget. You look at the