

back in elementary school, Senator Johnson, when Abraham Lincoln's father was in the third grade and I was in the eighth grade. It said, if a task is once begun, never leave it until it is done, for be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all. Now as a child I accepted that but as I got older and began to think about it, taking more grammar and then logic, it didn't make sense. They say, if a task is once begun, never leave it until it is done. But then they go on to say if it is great or small, do it well or not at all. Well, if you embark upon it and you are going to do it well, then it says you shouldn't do it at all. But the first admonition was that once you start it, complete it. So whether you do it well or not, complete it, yet you shouldn't start it if you are not going to do it well, so there is a self-contradiction there but as most young children are, we accept what older people who are presumably wiser tell us and we don't analyze it. Well, because of what my analysis later of that children's rhyme caused me to do with reference to things that are presented to me, I have to look at what is being presented here. If you accept the bait which contains a hook and you swallow the two, then all that remains is to jerk you out of the water and you are a caught fish. This amendment just about makes necessary the adoption of the ones that follow because if you don't adopt the ones that follow there is no need to reallocate this 1 percent to the Board of Trustees. But once you have made that step, then you just about have to do the others that follow and I am not prepared to do that. I think this whole issue of education has to be looked at as a totality. Nebraska is becoming an increasingly illiterate, ignorant state as is happening in other parts of the country because many people in Legislatures don't appreciate the value of education not having had much themselves. There being no requirement to be educated...

SENATOR BEUTLER: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to be in the Legislature and being in the Legislature being the most important thing in some legislator's lives, they say if it is not important for me to have education, nobody needs it. I read pretty good. I talk pretty good. I spell pretty good. So if my pretty good reading, spelling and writing is good enough for me to make laws for everybody else then why do they need to be smarter out there? That is the trouble now, you have got too many pointy-head intellectuals pointing at the