

the other point of view just a little bit. I don't think we have got too much to be ashamed of in the kind of educational system we have got in this state. I don't think we need to be too ashamed with the products that come out of it. I happen to have three children who are products of the public institutions in this state and a neighboring state and I am not too ashamed of their education. They are not a graduate of Yale. They are not a graduate of Harvard. Maybe their paper is not worth quite as much but I think they can compete with anybody that did graduate from those institutions. At the same time I am saying all this, I also, as Senator Chambers pointed out, he sometimes does things that perhaps is not in the best interest of his constituency. Perhaps it would be in the best interest of my constituency if I would say, no, we are not going to cut any at all because we need education, and God knows we do. But I also understand the severe economic distress that is going on out there, and as I pointed out a little bit ago, if I can cut back in my business with a 20 percent or a 50 percent reduction in the budget and still do the services that I have got to do, I think some entities of government can survive with these three, four, five percent cuts as well and still do the services they have got to do. Nobody can convince me that President Roskens is right when he says we have got to eliminate some of the undergraduate programs. If we are going to be serious about the type of an educational system we have got and whether or not we want to continue that quality and make the quality even higher, under the economic situation we are in now and will continue to be in for the next several years, in my opinion, then we are going to have to start, I think, as a Legislature recognizing other options that might be available and we started that process this last session when we discussed the School of Veterinary Medicine in the ways that we perhaps could look across state lines, and I tell you that I have been doing that over the summer. Other states are sharing these same concerns. The key to all this is, in my opinion, quality and access to those young people that we have got to provide, and at the same time, balance what we can as a society afford. We can do it. It is not impossible. We can't I think ignore the realities of what is happening.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: Or ignore the realities of the results of our actions and I, for one, am willing to look at the