

him to support education. So I think that is...my motion here is to support education. I think when we are talking about supporting education, we have to support all education, not simply one segment of education like we did the other day. So my motion is to simply reconsider treating the elementary and secondary education the same as higher education. I think that we have a responsibility because it is in our state Constitution that the Legislature or the state should be in charge of education within the state, also that driver's education has been dropped which lowered, which really rather than the cut of 3 percent for the public schools it would actually be 4 percent. The Legislature deals mainly with three large subdivisions and the three large subdivisions are the counties, the schools and the cities and I think we have helped the revenue of the cities simply when we passed LB 715 this year. We have helped the county when we have taken over part of Medicare. And so I really would urge your support of reconsidering of this bill supporting elementary and secondary education. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to ask Senator Hartnett if he would yield to a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would be glad to, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hartnett, do you think learning how to juggle four or five balls in the air at the same time is education?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Depends upon which level. If I was in a school for jugglers, it would be appropriate.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you think it is appropriate that the public schools teach juggling as part of the education?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Maybe in physical education.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In physical education? Okay. Do you think to be truly educated you need to know how to swim?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think that...yes.