

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay. And to be truly educated do you need to know how to drive a car?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Ride a bicycle?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Push a grocery cart?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I don't know.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator. That's about what I am talking. I don't know how many of you got through school, managed to get through grade school and high school and even a college diploma without knowing how to swim or how to drive a car or how to juggle or push a grocery cart. There are so many frills in education that that is why I will not support this. I would support taking a half a percent or a percent of the money away from the University and giving it to elementary education because so many senators have stood up here from time to time and read letters that they have received from University students that had absolutely no correct grammar, that made no sense when you read them, which was obvious that in the elementary level they did not receive the proper education. If the public schools, at least in my district, OPS, if they close the swimming pools and they don't have to spend all that money on the millions of gallons of water it takes for swimming pools, and heating them and having them there for the recreation of adults as well as the students, I, as a taxpayer, do not feel I should have to pay for a swimming pool out in the most expensive part of Omaha and the highest income per capita. Our school has a swimming pool and it is just great because families get to use it too at night, the same families that belong to the Happy Hollow Club, the Country Club, but that is education. We are educating people who are already educated to go out and swim in the public schools in Omaha. I just cannot vote more money under the guise of education as long as it is going to be frills like swimming. And as Senator Hartnett says, in physical education it would be all right to teach juggling. If they do away with the frills in education, then I would say let's give more to the elementary schools. They