

public libraries and such, I'm amazed that we would consider this again. During the lunch hour I did a little research and I couldn't find any place in the statutes where they define education. But I did find, in the Constitution, where it says, the Legislature shall provide for the instruction in the common schools in the state of all persons, age 5 to 21. Maybe state education should be, according to the Constitution, fully funded by the state, no property tax at all. It also says that the language of this state will be the English language and that we will teach in all of our schools with the English language. So, going to the dictionary, not being able to find the definition in any of the laws of education, I found this as a definition of education: Act or process of educating, discipline of mind or character through study or instruction; also a stage of such a process or the training in it as to receive a college education. I can't speak about Lincoln or the outstate schools, but there is nowhere in that definition that I see that education says we shall provide parking lots for high school students. We have a school in Omaha, a high school, that two blocks away we were going to buy land and make a parking lot for our high school students. But that would mean those poor children would have to walk one or two blocks to school. So, we spent \$100,000 more and built them a parking lot across the street from the school. And then the school said that the students should have to pay to park there, and the students refused. But today we are providing a guard to watch those cars for the students. Now, I ask you senators, is that education? I mean the Constitution says we shall provide the schools, that we should educate them in educational institutions. It doesn't say provide them with parking lots, and we've got them all over Omaha in our high schools. Do you know what the statistics show about high school dropouts? That the majority of them drop out to get a job to buy a car. And we encourage that by telling them we will provide you with a parking lot and we will take the money out of education. We also provide heated swimming pools. We also, in Omaha, teach them how to play golf and tennis. Now, I know the arguments for physical education, and I know that doctors will tell you the best of exercise is walking, not swimming, not golfing, not tennis. I know the argument, too, that well, think of the kids that wouldn't come to school if they couldn't excel in those sports. Is that what we want to do, create students who, when they graduate, they know how to swim, and play golf, and tennis? Yes, we teach tennis, too, in Omaha. Is that what an education is for? How many of them are going to make their living as golfers? There is only so many Arnold Palmers in the world, you know,...