

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Our next speaker is Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll make a few brief comments on this. I do go on record of supporting Senator Chambers' amendment and Senator Hefner's amendment before that. I think we ought to coin a new phrase, those never chosen. This will be the never chosen seminar for people. I don't know if all of them are at risk or they're all underprivileged, but they're certainly young people that have never had an opportunity to take part in such a program and Senator Nelson was talking about at risk, how do you choose an at risk student? I think Senator Schimek took care of that, but...and I was thinking if you were at risk, I don't know if any of us have ever been at risk, but I know the best way to do it is try to put your feet in their shoes, and a lot of times we get up here and we spout off about money, but we never get down to the real thing and that's thinking about those young people, and I think that's what we should do. I can remember reading an article about Erma Bombeck and children. Says, you know, children are a little like kites. You know, you give them a little string and they fly a little longer and you give them a little more string and, finally, if you're a good parent you let that kite go, and maybe that would work with these young people. Possibly haven't had a good family background but maybe if they have an opportunity to be around some real class presenters and some class counselors something would happen in their life. So I would urge you to support Senator Chambers' amendment, and hopefully Senator Hall would support this because I know, if Senator Hall and I are behind this, this thing has got a lock. Right, Senator Hall? He said whatever I say and I really like those kind of words. I'd like to give Senator Crosby the rest of my time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Senator Crosby, approximately three minutes.

SENATOR CROSBY: I just want to say two quick things that I had thought of while I was listening to this discussion. One of the things that was mentioned was, do we...using the state college campuses, for instance, as a place for the academy, one of the parallels and things that have been going on for years here in this state is the All State at the University of Nebraska Lincoln every year which is music students from I think ninth,