

whether or not we can bring these two systems closer together, whether or not we need to look at education in different ways, whether we need to find a way to bring that special education teacher into the classroom instead of seeing that room as a place we send kids who we can't handle anymore, because we know what happens when we do that to those kids. Suddenly,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...everybody expects less. Even the kids in the classroom will tell you that. I was shocked. I had not heard from a single parent who didn't want their child labeled because I heard that all the time as an educator. Finally, I had a call from a parent a couple of weeks ago who said we didn't want our child tested, we didn't want our child put in special education. They have been there for five years. They have suffered ridicule from other kids. The teachers expect less from them. We can't get them out even when we have asked. Now that's the other part of the argument that I think we need to address. Quite honestly, I've made my confession, and my very weak apology to Senator Bernard-Stevens this evening, but I will tell you my interest, and the body can decide where we want to be on this lid or cap or 5 percent, I am only interested in reforming the system. And I am convinced at this point it is not going to be an easy job, this is the easy part, the hard part will be everything that happens for the next year...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...when we come back later to actually change the law, the rules and regulations, and the way in which we deliver those services.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Jartnett, to speak to the first section of the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I just want to speak, not to one section, just speak. (Laughter) Senator McKenzie.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR HARTNETT: One of the things that you said, not this time but before, was oververification, that districts have oververified. Okay, I am a school superintendent, and I want to