

second, I'm on Senator Warner's time so let me go ahead and...the last question I guess I'll take on his time deals with the importance of the grants. The grants are the best thing I can think of to provide the incentive. Come forward, anybody else, with other incentives that you can think of to make this concept workable and I'll sure listen to those. The grants are, frankly, an idea that I got when I went to some national conferences and that's what some other states are doing. Whether the grant money is essential or whether there are other things that would make this work, I'd sure be happy to hear those ideas and we can work with those. With that, I guess he still has some time left, I see you just hit your light. If you have time left and go ahead and...it's still your time I believe.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, yes, just briefly, would a time limit on the length of the grant help encourage local government, and I still would like at some point before we get off this bill, more of a general discussion of the general direction and that, in your opinion at least, appropriately the Education Committee is going toward change in educational policy. Is there some mesh of relationship with these various bills that are going through, and is it possible to prioritize them?

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, thank you, Senator. Am I on my own time now or...

SPEAKER BARRETT: You're on your own time.

SENATOR WITHEM: On my own time, okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Three and a half minutes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, in response then to Senator Schimek's question that she said did not get a satisfactory answer the first time I tried it, on what type of waivers would we be talking about? We're talking about in general sense, if a local school committee gets together and said we could have a great school here if it just weren't for such and such a waiver, or such and such a State Department of Education requirement, whether that be a staffing sort of requirement, whether that be an hours in school sort of requirement, whether it be any of these types of things, and they put that in their plan, say make this plan effective we'd like to see this waived, the department may waive that. Keep in mind this is permissive. It doesn't