

finished? Do we then go back and say, no, you're not, you have to go back under the rules and regs again or are we going to allow them to continue something that they have developed and I think that is something that will need to be considered as well later on. But the concept of the bill is good. The potential of the bill is good and, yes, we do have a lot of studies or we have a lot of experiments that do fail. All progress, all scientific study, all research in the most cases, you fail, because you go into the unknown and many of these areas may fail too. Maybe we need ten and not five. But because we have failed in the past in research, which you go with the idea that you may fail, does not stop us from going again into the unknown because we may be successful, we may find that key which can be so helpful that it has eluded us because we have not restructured our schools for the actual teaching.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem, there are no other lights on. Would you like to close on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I sure would. First of all, I would urge members of the body to vote to advance this bill to Select File. I am delighted with the quality of conversation we have had on this bill. Frankly, I expected one of two things to happen. Either people see the word restructuring and thought it was a backdoor reorganization attempt and it would get nowhere or see people listen to a five-minute explanation, no lights go on and everybody push the green light. I think what we've had here today is far, far more valuable than either of those two things happening. The two specific concerns I've heard about the bill that I would pledge to the body to work with, anybody interested in suggesting changes between now and Select File, are the concern about how the grants are applied and a Senator just mentioned something to me that...and he's not here at the moment I see but it makes a world of sense to me and I think we do need to make some changes in how we grant...we make those grants, secondly, whether the grant of money is the appropriate carrot to hold out there or not. I don't know if it isn't. I'm certainly willing to hear other creative ideas from people on how we can improve this bill. Thirdly, hearing Senator Bernard-Stevens speak led me to conclude that I'd like to