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bills because, as I said earlier, it winds up being aid to schools. The quality of education is not improved. I voted for the reconsideration motion, and had that been successful, I would have voted to rescind the Kristensen amendment. That having failed, I will not vote for 525, and I am sure it will have enough votes to advance anyway, but the whole question of education has been clouded by so many other things that have nothing to do with it. I touched on that earlier today so I'm not going to go through all that again. But...oh, Senator Withem is not here, but, Senator Withem, there is a rhyme that they used to tell children about when you could use E before I, do you remember what that...how that goes? I before E or...

SENATOR WITHEM: I before E except after C and there is some more of it that I don't remember.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, Senator Weihing, I think, remembers. Senator Weihing, how does the whole thing go? Do you remember?

SENATOR WEIHING: I before E except after C.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing, please, into the microphone.

SENATOR WEIHING: Oh. I before E except after C.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What's the rest?

SENATOR WEIHING: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Crosby. May I...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: I learned that in the second grade. I before E except after C and when sounding with A like vein, v-e-i-n. (Applause.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Has somebody heard...that's the ver...has somebody heard the...oh, Senator Smith, or when sounded like A as in neighbor and weigh. All right, now did you all learn that in school? And that was a rule that was designed to help children know when an exception to the rule occurred. Right? When sounded like A as in neighbor and weigh. Senator Pirsch, would you answer a question for me, please.