

particular thing. Where did grandma go? Why did she go? Why doesn't she talk to me? And if there is a suicide or an accident death in school, then the counselors immediately go and try to help the young people deal with that kind of thing because it is a shock to them to think that one of their own, their own age could go so quickly and not be there anymore. But here are my questions. Senator Schimek, would you yield and answer a couple of things for me?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I will, or I will try.

SENATOR CROSBY: I guess what I would like to know is what do the educators tell you as to how they would deal with this particular question? Would they deal with it in a kind of a general way, or how are they...the philosophical side of it, I think, is very important and have they given you any ideas as to what they would teach?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: To a limited extent, yes, Senator Crosby. The idea is not to interject religious or moral tones into this discussion. The idea is to discuss with children the fact that there are...that we are not immortal, that we all...that sooner or later every living thing dies and that there are ways in which we can address the stages of grieving that a person goes through. And I think interjected into all of that is also the discussion about teen suicides and the prevalence of them and what a student can do who knows someone who may be thinking about it. I mean, there is a broad range of topics here. Something that I thought of that I think certainly should be covered, so many people that I have heard from at the committee hearing, and so forth, I haven't really heard from my own constituents too much, but so many people are afraid that we will mishandle the subject and that we will give children the wrong idea. I guess one of the things that I would like this to do is make children more sensitive to the issues of death and dying. When they...their sensibilities are assaulted night after night...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...by the...by the television coverage of worldwide events and they see all the death and dying, I am afraid our children might become immune to thinking about it and