

to being sensitive to these issues.

SENATOR CROSBY: I will come back to it, Senator, thanks, because we're running out of time, but, thank you. But, see, you used the word "immortal" and there, you see, I believe in immortal life because I believe in the spiritual immortal life after death, so there are some of the problems, I think, right there that we run into in this particular subject. So I will turn my light on again in case I have some more questions, but thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise to...I think what I would like to do is, if I may, continue to discuss this issue with Senator Schimek. And I thank Senator Crosby for bringing this issue to us because this is one that I have had concern of, this one area particularly, Senator Schimek. You know, one of the things that I learned in working with aging programs for the number of years that I worked with the programs was that death and dying is a big issue as far as elderly people are concerned and it's not something that just anyone deals with, that it does take trained counselor-type people to deal with this issue and I think I have already expressed this to you in a meeting that we have had, you know, on this...on the bill, that my concern is since there are no standards, in my understanding of the bill, is that correct, that are set out by the Department of Education that they will follow as guidelines in establishing the curriculum at the local level?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: There are some...there are some suggested things that the department...some suggested guidelines that the Department of Education is developing but it will certainly be up to the individual local school district to implement that. And I might add that there will be some in depth training on some of these issues so that we don't...

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schimek, a couple of weeks seminar is not going to train someone in depth about how you deal with, in detail, the kinds of concerns that we really...that are a part of the whole death and dying process. I guess the concern that I might have, and that's what I would be asking is, is there any way that we can assure, in the bill through an amendment, or whatever, that there is a review or something by, you know, the