

SENATOR BECK: ...special education funding is 90 percent or less than the cost of educating handicapped children? How do we justify developing effort to require additional educational services and new child care services for preschool children, and most probably without full funding? How shall we explain and justify to our complaining taxpayers that in the future they should expect the public schools to be required to pick up the costs via property taxes for the following: Transportation, parent and counseling services, transition, medical services for diagnostic purposes, health services, case management, qualified personnel to provide all services, services provided at no cost to parents." And all those are mandated under the bills that we have seen before and I have mentioned, LB 567, 678, LB 183, and 99-457. "What will happen to our communities and schools if we continue to do for parents and families that which they should do for their own." He says here, "I would suggest that any legislation that results in adding services to the responsibility of our school districts be required to provide full funding, and perhaps not percentage of cost." Now Senator Wesely and others may say, well, this does just that, and perhaps that will put his need at ease. I still go back to the one question of if we are going to fund Title XX, and I am not antifunding that because I voted for it, I've proved that I want to help those mothers who need the help the most, then let's have two separate sections. Let's have a bill for early childhood education, and a bill to mandate Title XX funds. I just think that it is too comprehensive and it covers too much. And, lastly...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BECK: Okay, and that is lastly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights on. Senator Wesely, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I appreciate...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Wesely. A light suddenly came on. May I interrupt you.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, sure.