

SPEAKER BARRETT: ...1,200, I'm sorry if I...

SENATOR SMITH: I thought you said 12,000, originally, of the notebooks. Okay, 1,200 notebooks and 1,200...Would that be enough so that every school would be...they would be accessible to all schools?

SPEAKER BARRETT: That is my understanding, yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please. And could we have the attention, please, under both balconies so they can hear...I cannot hear the speaker myself.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I wasn't saying anything at the time, but that...that is all right...and I never say anything, I know. As an educator, one of the things I'd like to do is show support for what Senator Barrett is trying to do, and I'm going to relate an experience I had at the federal level that I hope can be related, as well, by you on the state level. One of the problems that we in government have sometimes is relating what we do to the people back home. And part of the problems is that the people back home, and I suspect many of us even before we got here, do not understand the process that we go through. They truly do not understand the process. And I can tell you as an educator that that which is taught in books and in classrooms is not what the real life political system is all about, totally different. So, consequently, there is a lot of frustration out there. And when you get frustration out there on a system, usually you have people simply tune it out and not participate, because they don't understand it. And stereotypes begin to come into play. One of the best things that happened to the students that we had was a film that was put out by the federal government. It was a video, and it showed a bill in the making, and it was on the Clean Air Act. And the students, when they were finished, had a tremendous knowledge of what really happens. And the federal government was very forthright. I don't know how far this would go, what Senator Barrett actually has in mind, or what the committee that gets together has in mind. But the senators and congressmen that participate in it, with the agreement of the House of Representatives and United States Senate actually wired themselves for sound, and everyone knew it. Unlike other people who have been wired for sound and