

going to say the amendment you're offering at this point would do this, but one time I described a bill after it had been amended as something like soup which it is...the bill would be as weak as soup made by boiling the shadow of a malnourished pigeon. Your amendment, by itself, would not reduce the bill to that level, but Senator Withem gave the rationale for including that term and I don't see anything in the bill or the amendment that says the entire curriculum must be submitted annually. But, at any rate, as I stated before, I'm opposed to the amendment and after having heard the discussion, the body will decide whether what you recommend is prudent or maintaining the bill with Senator Withem's amendment as he is offering it would be the prudent thing to do.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, as you can see...well, I certainly don't agree with Senator Chambers on his definition of compromise because I don't know what this saying of soup with a malnourished pigeon, this weak soup means, but I don't think it does that much. In fact, I think you lose very little from the bill by taking that out, but I think it's very important. If you're going to have a person over at the state department that is going to bird dog this thing, they have the right to go out and visit schools. They will know wheth...they can go into that school and they can ask that superintendent, I'd like to see your curriculum on multicultural education. To me, that would be enough. Referring back to what Senator Withem said as far as Rule 10 is concerned, well, they come out and they look your curriculum over and, say they gig you on multicultural education, within a year you have to have that in there or you lose your accreditation, so that's already built in there. Now multicultural education is no different than drug education, it's no different than health education. I think in the last few years we've had these areas submitted. Did we ask for an annual update on health education? What's more important than health education? Just take a look around our country, and drug education. We don't mandate an annual update in that, but it's being presented in our schools without an annual submission of the entire curriculum. I see no reason why Senator Chambers would oppose my amendment. He said, you know, the state department could just ask for a verification. Well, take it out. Leave it up to the Department of Education on what they want to do. They're going to have a person in charge of it.