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SENATOR WESELY: It's really not a big amount.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Um-huh.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, Senator Brown, I'd like to ask you just a few more questions on this legislation. I'm sorry. Makes me real nervous when they go after child care in this body. On page 42 of the bill it states that we provide visiting teachers for the home-bound handicapped children, which teacher shall be certified and qualified in the same manner as required for other teachers in the State of Nebraska. Who's paying for that at this time, the school districts?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: I would assume that this is through special education, yes.

SENATOR WITEK: So part of our rising, tremendously increasing special education costs are part of this, that we not only educate the special ed children within our schools, we also provide teachers to go out to their home, and that's what this is clarifying.

SENATOR BROWN: For children who are home-bound.

SENATOR WITEK: For children who are home-bound, within those districts.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: And that is a mandate, a state mandate to do so, or is that a federal mandate?

SENATOR BROWN: I believe it's a federal mandate.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. And on page 26, where all of this new language is, are we...are we taking foster care out of from underneath Department of Social Services and putting it under