

programs that are mandated by the federal government teachers are paid differently than, for example, they would not be on a...they would be on a different pay schedule than the local school board? I thought I had heard that at one time that, for example, Chapter 1 teachers and special ed teachers would not...would be in a different category as far as pay is concerned.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Robinson, I believe that their salary is negotiated along with other teachers but the actual cost of that salary and their benefits is included under allowable excess growth, so the state does pay for part of those salaries. And if it's a federal...if it's a federal program receiving all federal funds, I would assume that the teachers are negotiated, I mean their salaries are negotiated with the other teachers but the money for that salary comes from a different pot.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Don't you think it's going to be pretty hard to really make any reductions because most of the...most of the teachers are young teachers because special education is, you know, basically it's a fairly young program and those teachers are going to be in there a long time and unless you...unless you make some drastic changes, you'll be lucky if you can maintain what you have now. I don't know, I guess that's my...I have a couple other questions. You know what Chapter 1 is. Can you tell me the difference between selecting students for Chapter 1 and selecting students in special education for resource rooms are? Now both...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...the children that go in both programs are students that have...have had problems with reading and mathematics and I've always wondered what's the difference. And I'm not convinced there is any difference. Could you enlighten me on that?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Robinson, I believe you probably understand the difference between these two better than I do, but Chapter 1 was a federally funded program attempting to provide remedial...remedial services to children who were lagging behind in math and reading.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now define a resource room for me.