

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Pardon me.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Resource room does the same thing.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Well, resource room falls under the category of those handicapping conditions and the requirements for verification are different.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Who selects them?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Who selects them?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, who selects young people to go into a resource room?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: My understanding is that there are, in Nebraska, first an SAT team which is a group of teachers who make...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...recommendations.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Speaker Withem and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to say that as a member of the Education Committee I voted against this bill as it came out of committee. And it isn't because I don't support finding ways to cut funding of the escalating costs of special education, but I did not feel that the original bill really addressed the needs of cutting rules and regulations. I felt that we were going around the process backwards, that we were looking at legislating before we were studying the issue and looking at ways that we could actually reduce those mandates that were being sent out to our local schools. And, again, I think that we need to do more studying of this issue before we actually draft the legislation. I have a couple questions that I would like to address to Senator McKenzie.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator McKenzie, would you respond to a couple of questions?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Certainly.