

because I don't know how you're going to get around it. That's what my real concerns are.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Do you want a response, Senator?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, yeah.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Well, first of all, one of the handouts I gave you shows the comparison between the federal mandates are and what Nebraska's rule and regulations are in our state statutes. The first column is the federal, the second and third are Nebraska's, and it doesn't take any reading time to notice that we have a lot more included in our state statute in rules and regulations than we are required to have.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, then what you're really saying is you're willing to reduce the number of available programs for these handicapped kids?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I did not say programs, I said rules and regulations.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, okay, but the rules and regulations are what the programs are in many instances.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: No, the rules and regulations, in many cases, are what we go through in order to identify (inaudible).

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. All right, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Maurstad, Beutler, McKenzie, Bernard-Stevens, Robinson and Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Sounds like I turned my light on at the right time or something. I've been listening because a lot of the questions I had were answered, so Senator McKenzie, relax, I'm not going to ask you any questions. I'm just going to explain a couple of things so you understand why I'm not going to vote for the bill. I feel like this is another one of those bills that is brought to us to make it look like we're really doing something for taxes, we're trying to help the school budget. And what I feel we're doing is working at taking away some local control. We hear all these things