

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I'm sorry, Senator Robinson, (inaudible).

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why do we have...why do we have a Chapter 1 program and we spend \$355,000 in the State of Nebraska just on the administration of it? And it's for children that have problems with reading and mathematics. And I don't know how many different resource rooms I've been in my life, but I've been in a lot of them, and there are special education programs and basically they do the same thing. Why do we have the one program on this side and the one program on this side? God only knows how much we spend on administration on those. But that's where the cost of special education is. That's the big cost...one of the big costs in special education. Why do we have both programs? Isn't there some way we can combine them? Can we get a fe...is there such a thing as getting a waiver to combine those?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Robinson, we cannot apply for waivers to the idea act, which is basically the federal regulation. The reason that we have two different programs, one was created at the federal level. Chapter 1 does not require that you have a disabling condition.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well they're both federal programs, they both came from federal mandates.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Well, they both...

SENATOR ROBINSON: One of them in '63 and...go ahead.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Correct, but Chapter 1 was originally funded a the federal level to allow for additional help to children who would not qualify for special education as a handicapped child but required some additional help in math and reading so that they would not fall out of the system.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What's the difference between that? What's the difference between those? I've never...no one has ever been able to answer that, give me that answer, and I'm not sure we even have an answer, outside of you got three or four people in a room saying, boy, they belong in that resource room, they don't belong in Chapter 1, or maybe you got too many kids in Chapter 1 and you don't have room for them or something, I don't know.