

SENATOR CROSBY: Your time just ran out (laughter), Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Can I have some of yours? (Laughter.) I'll punch my button again.

SENATOR CROSBY: I said a minute ago that you had one minute. (Laughter.) Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hartnett, on the McKenzie amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body, Senator McKenzie, this morning you impressed with me with the book that says the rules and regulations regarding special ed, you know that is sitting to your left, as I look down there. And I guess, you know, and I'm thinking back and years I've been here I don't think we've dealt with special ed that much. You know, what is...what has caused that book to be so big?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Of the rules and regs, is it...is it things that the Department of Education has done? Is it things that we have done, that the federal government has done, because I think that's part of the problem and maybe, you know, something that I think Senator Robinson was talking about is that, you know, quote, this administrative cost, if we've got to jump through all the hoops that are probably in that manual or chapter, I think that maybe is part of the problem that we have with the high cost of special ed. So if you want to respond to that, and if I have any other time I'll give it to Senator Robinson, since...but if you're like to, Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Hartnett, I think you've just encouraged me to be very lengthy in my response. (Laughter.) Let me just run down for you the legislation that has been passed since 1983, that we have passed, since 1983, that has affect...since 1983 that has affected our rules and regs or state statute. In 1983 we passed LB 511 that changed the judicial review procedures, and I'm not going to rattle all these off. In 1985 another bill was passed dealing with residential care services. In '86 there were one, two, three, four, four bills passed, a fourth Special Session LB 2 that dealt specifically with special education; 1987 we passed three piece of legislation dealing with special education; in '88 we