SENATOR McKENZIE: The system still, through its negotiations, makes decisions about salary.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, so they got to get everything out of that grant then, that's what you're saying?

SENATOR McKENZIE: Well currently those special education salaries are included in the excess cost formula as well.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. And I got one other question I'll try to squeeze in here. The...the increase is limited to how much the specific school district increases their budget?

SENATOR McKENZIE: No, Senator, it's allowed to increase at the same aggregate average as general education spending.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Average for the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR McKENZIE: That's correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now if we pass the lid bill, the lid bill is what, 4 to 5.5 or something, isn't it?

SENATOR McKENZIE: Senator, we're talking about the amount that...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: We've just begun. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator McKenzie, your light is next.

SENATOR McKENZIE: Senator Robinson, let me attempt to finish answering your question. We have allowed that growth will take place at the same rate as general education growth, not the same rate as general education spending, as that growth, average growth allotment is determined, allowable growth amount. So collectively the entire pot of money, that 122 million, we'll get 122 million, plus if it's 5 percent it's 5 percent, 122 million plus 5 percent, which is what we would allow general education to grow also.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now are you talking about the accumulation of property tax plus any increase in state aid?