

going to see that money for another year and a half. And they have to deal with that now.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR McKENZIE: We would hope that in the block grant approach, with some allowance for meeting those extreme needs, that we could actually provide that additional cost to the district that year instead of having to wait another year. Actually it would be better for them than the current system.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. I know when the bill was introduced there were only two proponents at that time for the bill, and at least ten opponents. And I'm wondering, Senator McKenzie, have you had a chance to work with those groups, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, the Nebraska Rural Consolidation of Schools,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, because I think that we will need support from these groups.

SENATOR McKENZIE: Senator Stuhr, I'm looking for my list of groups that I've had individual meetings with. And let me remind you, those people were testifying in opposition to the original bill,...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR McKENZIE: ...the Governor's bill.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR McKENZIE: This amendment now that has been adopted as Senator Bohlke's amendment and this reform measure is not that bill. I've met with the representatives of advocacy...parent advocacy groups, including ARC and autism, multiply handicapped, deaf, blind. I've met with representatives from multiple school districts, special education directors, superintendents, principals, many, many groups who have come in and said we want a chance to talk about our concerns.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.