

to be put in jail. I hope you don't feel that that's where you're going to end up as a result of this. But at any rate, the question that I have to ask you pretty much has been asked by Senator what's his face back here, Senator Robinson, (laughter), and I think you gave a pretty good explanation. But I just wanted to add one more part to that, that I'm not quite sure and maybe you can answer. You got down to the parts about the recommendations and the legislation necessary and those things. But then you didn't finish up the issue that has to do with block grant funding begins. And that's the issue I'd like to talk to you just a little bit about and how you developed the block grant, where do those funds come from initially? Are those state funds?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Vrtiska, those would be the same funds that we are currently distributing to school districts.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the reason I brought...the only reason I brought the question up, because we're talking...we're listening or hearing more about block grants from the federal government and I was curious if some of these funds would be block grants that would be (inaudible) from the federal government and through the state and then down to this system, or do you have any idea?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Well, we do receive some federal money that is included in the special education...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...dollars, so, you know, and whatever...and then whatever dollars are there currently being distributed in the reimbursement formula, they will be distributed through the block grant formula...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well then that really brings up my question, is there some assurance, and it's probably unfair, but is there any assurance that any of those funds will be passed down that you're now getting so that you can continue at that level with those same dollars? And I suppose that's an unfair question, but it's one that's kind of important. And when you talk about the, you know, the attempt to reduce the cost, if in fact those funds dry up then we...it's a whole new ball game, the way I view it.