

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator McKenzie, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President. We have essentially taken the very same language that Senator Chambers had in his amendment, striking, beginning on line 5 with the word "all" through line 10, through "regulation", that section of statute, but then added, on line 13, following the words "state laws" we've added, "rules and regulations that could be repealed, modified, or retained to reduce restrictions on school districts". So we've eliminated lines 5 through 10 and then inserted, in line 13, "rules or regulations that could" instead of "should", "be repealed". Now we may need to clarify and make sure this language is going to work in terms of all the legalities between now and Select File. But I stand in support of the change and would yield the rest of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. And, Senator Chambers, I do want to talk about a couple of things. Number one, I concur with you that only the department can do rules and regs, that's why we also have that they need to come back with what they could do. And obviously if they want to do something on a rule and reg they have the power to do that. And I appreciate you working with us on that portion of the amendment. I do want to make it very clear what this amendment does. And I'm willing to do this. I have no difficulty doing it. Some of my compatriots around and behind me are getting awfully nervous now because the attitude is that if you waive all of the rules and regs now, they're just waived, then it forces people to come to the table and say, gee, we know everything is waived, we don't know if this program or that program is going to be there anymore, let's really get serious and talk about it. I believe this is a bold enough step that we're taking and it is reasonable to say that we're willing to say, look, we're going to have everything that's there now and we are going to look at what we may modify and/or take away, and the people know that this is coming, or it may be coming, and I think they'll be serious because we've talked with all the department people, we've talked to all the people on the commissions, they are very serious about it and I do believe that this is...in normal cases I always like to have the hammer to make things happen. I do not believe the hammer is necessary in this...at this time so I concur with the amendment, and I