

SENATOR WESELY: You have a minute and a half. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: And thank you, Mr. President. This has been a good debate to the extent that it has gone today and I appreciate the points that have been brought up and questions, the many, many questions that have been asked. Senator McKenzie has very capably answered them and appreciate the work of she and Senator Bernard-Stevens on the bill and the various points many of us have tried to bring out. Just in closing I want to emphasize that this product is not in total final form. I think there will be some changes between now and Select File that we'll look at on Select File.

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: But I think we have a very good start at attacking the problem. The body has been, for the most part, very participating and attentive today and I think the bill will become even better as it gets through the system. It's going to be a challenge for all of us to try to explain this to our constituents and especially to those who have children who are receiving special ed services. I think it's very important that we tell them back home that this bill does not cut out anything at this point. It maintains a funding level that it is now, provides for some growth in the future as educational costs grow. The specifics will be here next year and that's the time for us to look at what it actually will do or won't do with kids and...

SENATOR WESELY: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...we need to keep that in mind. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 742. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Clerk, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: The committee amendments are adopted. We now turn to Senator McKenzie to open on LB 742.