

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Who will do the study if your bill passes or your amendment?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll answer it in two ways. The first way is the Department of Education on behalf of the State Board of Education would do it and in 742 we are asking that the State Board of Education look at Rule 51 and all of the other areas on the rules and regs so they would be doing that as the intent language we're saying in 742, so they would be doing it for both of those reasons.

SENATOR ROBINSON: It would be the same kind of study, though, is that...would you interpret the same kind of study under each example that you gave?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: They would relate to the same issue, that is correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, so as I see it, really what we're talking about is \$100,000. Is that...Senator Bernard, and Senator Wehrbein says that he feels there's \$100,000 in the education pot to do that study. And I think if there's one study that should be done is this study because if we pass...and I'm sure you're getting the same calls I've been getting on the special education reduction, and I've talked to people at the Department of Education and the only way you're going to get a reduction is change the rules and regs. We can't pass the bill and not change the rules and regulations so I will not support...I've got 100,000 reasons for not supporting Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. And I think we're thinking the same way. We know that the study is going to get done. The money is my concern. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Bohlke, your light is next.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members. Senator Bernard-Stevens, in your opening remarks I think I heard you mention special education and school finance. It was always my understanding that the reason the department was coming for additional funding was to do the study of the ESUs. Now Senator Robinson said he's been hearing a lot on 742 and that's because we have 742 out here. But the Education Committee did not put