

am sure, as to how our statutes maybe aren't in compliance, but we don't know if that's going to be enough to get us kicked out. We don't know if...we don't know what the process is going to be. The Secretary of Education ultimately will have the responsibility, but we don't know how he is going to turn people down. We don't know what he's going to do. Yet we are jumping on board, making...making this kind of determination that we are going to put our students at risk one more level, and the difference between what the federal government says, the law, by the way, says one year. We have a statute that says one year. It's people inside the department that have interpreted one year to mean different than our one year, and that tends to be the real...the real crux here. We don't know, though, what is going to...how the department is going to react. We don't know which funds are at risk. Half of this \$39 million, \$38 million, 36, whatever the number is, will already have been distributed by the time October 20th rolls around. There is nothing in place to deny us the other half at this point. Plus we have a law that may well, in fact, be in substantial compliance. My preference, as a policy, would be, however, to go ahead and do this, do what the federal government seems to be thinking we need to do, provided we can continue to close the loop, and I'd be willing to do that. I'd be supporting the suspension motion if I thought that was going to happen. But the Chair of the Education Committee has told me she has consulted with members of the Education Committee and...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...that committee, as a whole, is not going to be supporting my amendment. So I am standing here with the possibility do I allow a motion that needs 30 votes to go ahead and pass at this point, so I can get clobbered later on. And Senator Bohlke is 100 percent correct, and she is an individual of a great deal of integrity, and when she says she is going to do something, she does it. She is going to be supportive of my amendment, but the rest of the committee is not going to be. So I am not going to allow the opportunity to slow something down that I think needs to be slowed down, that requires 30 votes, so I can turn around and get clobbered a few minutes later. We really are still continuing...last year, and I will hit my light again so I can speak again. Maybe I will just pass now and speak in a few more minutes about the bill we passed last year, what we wanted to accomplish with it, what happened with it after it gets back in the hands of people who maybe don't share