

SENATOR HARTNETT: On line...in your amendment here, on line 21, such waiver shall not apply to any requirements subject to federal law or federal rules or regulations. How much difference, I guess, my question is, what is the difference what we have in our statutes that are beyond, you know, what's in the federal law? That's the first question. And it deals with this waiver. How much money are we going...what do you...what do you envision we're going to save? And what areas are you going to save that our, you know, that our Board of Education or school administration come in and say, you know, can you give me some examples and can you give me "dollar figures" of what they're going to save? You know, are we just saying, trust me? The two Bs, Bromm and Bohlke. Trust the two Bs. (Laughter.) Senator Bohlke, do you want to answer me?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Hartnett, first of all, obviously, we can't waive any statutes, any laws. What we have here is Rule 51. Everything in there we're saying could be waived.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's...that's not...in 51 has no federal requirements. Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, the areas that could be...this wouldn't have the federal, this does have state law in it but it also has in it all the areas that could be waived. Besides that are the other thing that I said were the related services. So we're talking related services really opens up, as we have been looking at it in the last couple of days, huge areas.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (inaudible).

SENATOR BOHLKE: It opens up care professionals, contracts possibly with Educational Service Units. (Laughter.) I don't know why that came to mind.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Laughter.) With me.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Caseloads. And I know that Senator Bromm has some information that we'll be getting to you on that, but that...it really opens up transportation. Obviously, you have to provide transportation for the student to the school but it waives...you could simply do it by giving mileage to a parent, not having to buy a special education van, numbers of things in those areas that could add up to significant dollars. I would