

together to find which rules and regulations would be the most significant ones to waive and/or modify, and which statutes of which the state has put on should be reviewed, eliminated, and modified. And then when we got all of that, then we would come back to the Legislature with all of that information and the Legislature would be told here is what you can do, here is the process, and then later on you won't need any growth because we will have the flexibility after we've carefully looked at all of the ramifications. What does this amendment do? What this amendment does is say right now we are going to have any school districts that wish go to the Department of Education, ask for whatever they want to be waived, no rhyme nor reason, no policy decisions, each school district may do something different, and we are going to have four hundred different school districts doing different things, or whatever school districts have special ed will be doing different things for different reasons, all dealing with money, not policy. Everyone will be making decisions on waivers, not on policy but on money because we are the ones that tightened that screw down, we gave them no other option, and don't fool...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...yourselves. Was that one minute, or...thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Don't fool yourselves. Those school districts that overrun what is going to happen...what their costs are going to be, oh, yes, they can come back to the Legislature. We can do something for them next year, but they are going to have to dip into that general fund dollar now during that school year. That's the time they are going to have to find funds to do it. Why? Because we still mandate it, and the government of the United States still mandates it, and they will attack...they will get those dollars from that general fund with a lid that this Legislature is going to reduce their growth in LB 613, and they are going to be doing all of that at the same time that this Legislature is going to say, let's put a cap on levies. And you want to do all of that to them, and you want to say, oh, by the way, we don't care, it's a flat, and there is no growth, no nothing, just do it, we think you can.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.