

are some people who are assuming that if we adopt this that as children would move into the school district next year, next school year, that that school would have no way of getting part of the cost for that student. What we need to realize is that we will be sending \$122 million to the Department of Ed. They will send that out. Now they may not get the 90 percent that they have been receiving, but they certainly are going to be receiving funding, their portion of the \$122 million. The other thing that I think that we need to keep in mind as when I first had a school district call me and say we have this student moving in this year that we hadn't anticipated, and when I called and visited with the Department of Ed, they said, one thing we have to realize is that when students leave that school system, all right, and they aren't there, remember we fund a year in arrears, that they also get that money for the students who are no longer present in that school. And so they will say they may use that to recoup costs, but I would say that they could use that also to make some adjustments certainly in a crisis situation. And I, as I said, if we look at the time line that I handed out here, and we are starting with the summer of...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...1994, last summer, and looking at how the bill read at what time and what amendments were filed, it is very clear that school districts had a clear direction that they should be doing and be planning as far as their staffing and what may or may not be present in a bill that they should have been following in the Legislature. And so I think that is important to remember. I also passed out, when I was traveling this weekend, I picked up the New York Times and found out that New York is facing very many of the very same problems that we are, and on that "passout" I have a box around one paragraph that says...and as you read through the whole article, it is just very parallel to Nebraska, same issues, almost same percentages, same problems. Certainly the costs there and the numbers are higher.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is a very difficult area. I have been meeting with superintendents, I have been meeting with parents, and much of this has been discussed already, but I felt in committee that we