

were putting the cart before the horse, and I still feel that way, that we need to address those rules and regulations, although we keep talking about them, and I haven't been here before, I don't know how serious you were in your debate about really cutting the costs. I do believe that we need to look at ways that we can cut the costs, but that child is still foremost, and the biggest concern in my mind. I have some questions that I would like to address to Senator Bohlke.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR STUHR: We keep...and this is just actually about the bill, some general ones, we talk about...and you just stated that the Department of Education would send out this portion; you know, we are going to cap this amount and then send it out to the schools. How, I mean, what are they going to base their decisions on?

SENATOR BOHLKE: It is reimbursement of allowable cost, as it has always been.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, also you stated that right now about 90 percent has been reimbursed. Most of the schools I have been talking to have not ever received that amount.

SENATOR BOHLKE: They do receive 90 percent of allowable costs.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, and then so then the other is picked up by the local districts. Is that correct?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Correct.

SENATOR STUHR: The other costs. If LB 613 passes, what effect will that have?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That could lower that growth rate, but that would do that no matter if this amendment was adopted or we did Senator Bernard-Stevens'.

SENATOR STUHR: So you mean...

SENATOR BOHLKE: The growth is in both.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, but so the amount the local districts would receive will be less?