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SENATOR MCKENZIE: Let me...

SENATOR HARTNETT: You could date 17...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: We could do that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...we should have stereo at this time.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Hartnett, let me answer your question about oververification, and, yes, there are things that can be done about oververification. The only thing, currently, that limits you is the 10 percent or so that you have to pick up, plus the program you have to pay for this year and wait for your reimbursement for the next year. So, you know, if you don't have enough money in your school budget or in your property tax amount that you put, you are not going to verify every child in the school unless you can afford to pay for the verification process and for whatever else you need in terms of staffing. So with the caseload requirements in Rule 51, and our verification requirements in Rule 51, those things can limit how many kids you would verify.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Are you thinking about tightening the verification process, is that you are, you know...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: That's one of the proposals, either tightening it or in a block grant approach where you allocate money up front to the school instead of reimbursing it, that you allow schools a little more flexibility...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...in not having to verify children in order to provide the services. Either way you can free up...

SENATOR HARTNETT: How about the teachers? We will skip...we will skip Senator Bohlke's question, how about the teachers?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Teachers are...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Are teachers under contract now for next year, and will they be...