

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Fiscal year '96-97, we are going to appropriate \$122 million for special education programs, is that correct?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Correct.

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SENATOR BOHLKE: That will be the allowable growth.

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SENATOR BOHLKE: If we don't have a new system in place, which is true, but that's what we've been debat...that's what we've been discussing, that would be the allowable growth rate year as we have been discussing this.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. I'll just sit down and listen for a little while longer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Bernard-Stevens, to speak to the first section of the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise to oppose this first particular section, and I wish we could offer amendments because I think there are some amendments we could offer, maybe even there is some middle ground somewhere, but since this is an amendment to the amendment, obviously, one cannot. I would rather have gotten a vote on the Bromm-Bohlke amendment as it was, and then, you know, talked about a division of the question on...as it was in then the McKenzie amendment, but that would have been considered by our rules to be a reconsideration, so I can't divide the question later either. So the only way to get to the division and get to the issue was to do it in this manner. There will be amendments certainly pending on...if the amendment is adopted or any of the three sections are adopted, and we will proceed at that time. However, what I would like to suggest to the body is a way to move forward and then Senator Bohlke will smile because this is the way I would like to move forward, and that is to defeat this first section. Defeat the first section, in fact, defeat all three sections, just make it go away. I like that. But then we have the McKenzie amendment at some point, which