

services for kids that need it. We are talking about delivering services to those that need it, and taking those out of the system that shouldn't be there, that don't qualify, that we have...that have come to be riders on the system because it is the easy way out. And government is so hard to bring under control, so hard to keep from growing. We know that. We know that in social services. We know that in Medicaid, and this is the third major area, and this is something we can do to...at least we have the ability to focus on this system to do some changing within the powers that we have, and if it isn't enough, we will be back here and we'll take care of the kids that need taking care of. But we need to send a strong message that we are going to address this problem, we aren't going to allow or tolerate indiscretions or taking advantage of the system. We are going to require everyone to do their job the very best way that they can, and we'll be much better off for it by the year 2000, or whenever the year is that this is going to be consuming most of our educational dollars. So I just want to remind the body that this is hard. This is not easy. It takes courage to check growth of government.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: But I suggest to you that this is the way we need to try to do it. I think no one knows for sure, no matter how convincing they might tell you they believe they are right, no one knows for sure how much slack there is in this system, how much it can be straightened out, but I can tell you that we are going to find out. And we just need everyone's cooperation and support, and in a year or less, we'll have a lot better idea of whether this is going to work or not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members. I want to add, I guess, my support to what Senator Bromm said in terms of whether or not I believe that we can take a good hard look at what has been happening to see areas where, in fact, we can find, let me just say, opportunities to spend less. This is not about asking anyone to go back and cut spending, but to look at areas where, in fact, there could be a slowdown in the amount that we are spending, and that does include verification and numbers of children that we identify. I, again, say there are only...my latest numbers say there are four or less states, including Nebraska, that use the system we use of reimbursement,