

SENATOR BOHLKE: (Microphone not activated immediately)...this last week so it would be a month from...I believe it was last...I can't even think what today is.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so some time in probably the next three weeks, three and a half weeks, it's once a month.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Three and a half weeks would probably be safe.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Three and a half weeks to four weeks the state board will meet. Let's see what's going to happen. Now we've got about eight days left, seven days after today. Assuming the bill passes, for a minute, on Final Reading the last day or the day before, now they're down to about two and a half weeks. Now school districts are going to have to look at all the rules and somehow come out with a policy decision of which ones will be beneficial to them, give it all to the department and the department is supposed to somehow in about a week, because at least these applications for waivers are going to be coming in all over the place, they're going to have to, as those applications come in, analyze each one, make a policy decision and then we're going to say the next meeting they have to make a decision on that. That's crazy. It doesn't make any sense to do it that way.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'd like to have somebody ask why we want to hurry so fast on special ed that we're willing to put absolute chaos within the system because they have to rule immediately. The only thing I can think of is somebody out there, and I assume it's outside, decided, well, I know, the Legislature will buy off on the fact that these rules and regs we can waive and everything will be all right, but we'll even make it better than that because they'll buy this. They won't think about this very much. We'll even say that the State Board of Education has to act immediately at their next board meeting and, boy, that means we're going to act really quickly and it will be done. That's nuts. Think about the school districts trying to figure out what waivers, going through Rule 51, trying to find out what they've got, assuming that some of the people will still be around, that the school's not out at some point and they're not on vacation, then they come in with the waivers and the state board has to make a decision on all of those on good policy. Doesn't really make sense too much and I'll talk