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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes. What it would be is that in that second year, Paul, it would be a flat 3 percent, but then that...that section will be repealed. And then that third year would be the year that we come back with the overall funding mechanism and we would then have that, I assume it would be at the average growth, but we would have the entire package then put together. So the first year would just be 2 and 1/2 flat, second year would be 3...would be 3, flat, I mean the flat cap plus the 3 percent growth.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And then after that it would...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: After that it's purely open to what the policy question...issue we'll come to.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Another question for the people that worked on this is that I think Senator Schimek talked about, I think, one of the features of this is to allow school systems some flexibility in using waivers. Is there any way that we can, as a body, the Education Committee or someone check on how much...how many times that school districts use the waiver, and simply get a...you know, we're going to kind of go through a two-year period here of kind of modest growth. And what seems to be the problem? That's what I see as kind of a shake-out cruise here as far as special ed is concerned. You know, what areas do you see some way to measure how much waivers are used? I guess that's my question. Is someone going to measure that, or are we going to have a report back from...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, the answer to that, Paul, will be, Senator Hartnett, will be two things. Number one, (a) we're going to have a good discussion on the waiver portion, I think, once we get to the amendment as itself. But, two, this entire summer four groups, including the Special Education Task Force, but more importantly the Education Committee with the Department of Education are going to be looking at all of the rules and regs, looking at all the waivers that have taken place or have not taken place, which ones have been asked for, which have been denied, and what is the policy going to be to set up the policy for, and what Senator Stuhr is going to be talking about will also be included in that is, what's the fiscal impact of