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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...children in 1994 out of 300...approximately 327,000. So I'm glad, I'm pleased that a compromise has been made. I think it is time that we really look and address some of the rules and regulations, and I'm going to have some more questions when we get to the waiver area. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion on the Bromm amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bromm, to close.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Very briefly, I appreciate the support and the willingness to compromise on the part of everyone. No one is getting exactly what they wanted out of this. But I think it is...it's a rational plan to try to get a handle on a significant problem. For the record, I wanted to...I wanted to clear up just a little bit of confusion perhaps. When you read this amendment it appears that in perpetuity we will have projected growth at no more than 3 percent, if you follow through Section 8. But it's my understanding that the underlying amendment that this goes to, if...put that language with this, that that is not the case and that we will, when the new system gets in place in two years, and the growth will be determined at that time, as I think someone else said on the floor a little bit earlier. I also, for the record, I don't know if I'll have any more chances to speak, I wanted to relate what I think is a problem that I hope is addressed by the Department of Education through the waivers and the rule changes that we're hoping that they make here. It has come to my attention, after getting into this, that many of the schools, especially the smaller schools, contract out the administrative...a lot of the administrative paperwork associated with special education, because it's very complex, it takes a lot of time, but more so because if the administrator doing the paperwork is not certified, endorsed in special ed rather, he doesn't get reimbursed for doing the paperwork. But if they contract the paperwork out, someone that is endorsed, then they are eligible for reimbursement for that cost. And that seems to me like...that that just doesn't make any sense. And so I hope that either a waiver can be arranged so that there can be some reduced payment made if the paperwork is done in house, or that that paperwork can be reduced, of course, that