

had a different perspective on special education costs, they come from the special education community, were concerned that their views were not being addressed properly within this group, is that...you recall that conversation?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes...yes, I do.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And we, the committee then added or one of your amendments added an additional person. Is this the person that Senator Stuhr is now taking out?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I believe so, yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I would stand in opposition to this. I would have no problem, Senator Stuhr, with having an additional...an additional administrator from general education. As a matter of fact, I think one of the failings of this commission all along is the problems that we've had with the fact that the general administration representatives on the commission tend not to be general education administrators, they tend to be...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...they tend to be people that came out of special education themselves. I don't want to get into one of these regional sort of things, but there was a reason that the previous amendment was added. It was a policy change that I'd recommended to the committee and had been accepted. I'm sorry we didn't have time to visit about this. But at this point I'm not supportive of this. I would be very supportive, though, if we could work out so that there may be some other additional person on. But I would not be supportive of this.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. I guess I rise, too, with some concern in the terms of the makeup of that body. The things that I heard from the administrators to the school superintendents and others involved were that this board was not functioning properly and there was some concern that maybe there was not the right individuals there to make the right decisions and look at the true problems. So I guess I do have some concern. I'm going to, I guess, listen and see what kind of...something can be worked out on this, but I'm going to have