

to hold off on support of this. Thank you.

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

SENATOR STUHR: Is there any further discussion of the Stuhr amendment? Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: There's always one time in the year where I find myself in this position. And Senator Stuhr and Senator Withem's staff need to do some talking and nobody needs to...is going to speak and so they need some time. And so who do you turn to? Well, you turn to Bernard-Stevens because there's five minutes no matter what. So I'm not even sure what the amendment does. But, Senator Stuhr offers the amendment, it's got to be a good idea. But if Senator Withem has some questions about it, they're probably very valid questions and I'm sure they'll reach some compromise somewhere. I will take just a minute though and talk about the bill in general. Again, I do appreciate the effort and the sincerity and the intensiveness of the negotiations that took place today and we did find that middle ground. We are sending a strong message that we need to curb the costs. We are sending the message that we don't want to misidentify students and have them simply identified special education in order...getting them...to get them out of the classroom into some other special place, and I think that's important. We're taking the steps to ensure that it's a strong message, and more than a message, we're backing it up with dollars that we're capping. We have a minimum amount of growth rate that will help ease the transition, and I think at that point we have a bill that will begin us on our way of even a more difficult thing, and that is really the more difficult thing will be this summer when we try to put all of the four different groups together, we do the analyzing, we come back with the funding policy, that will be the toughest decision probably we'll have. But at least we were bold enough, hopefully, to take this first step tonight. And at this point I would like to yield whatever time remaining to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek, there is three minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I really appreciate this, Senator Bernard-Stevens. One of the things that Senator Janssen and I were just discussing is who actually is on this Accountability Commission. And if you look at your copy of 2114 it mentions these folks, there are 16