

some of the things that have been mentioned like having a job, I think Senator Bohlke said, well, if you can get a job on a farm and so forth or...

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill I believe is silent on that issue, so being silent on that issue, I don't think that would be an obligation. That's off the top of my head without a lot of thought.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What is it, sixteen they can quit school now, is that correct, Senator Withem?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe, Senator Beutler, it is sixteen, isn't it?

SENATOR ROBINSON: My good friend...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Sorry, Chris.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...Beatrice and I bounced that one around for quite a while. Okay, thank you, appreciate it.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Withem, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Withem, would you respond.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BROMM: What, in your opinion, would happen if a school didn't comply with the alternative education requirement by January 1 of '97, what would happen to that school?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just let me, if I could, let me check and say...I'm not sure what the process is. This is part of the statutes that the schools have to comply with, they are subdivisions of state government. If they refuse to comply, I'm not sure what the penalty provisions are any more than I'm sure what they are if they don't comply with any other provision of statute. Let me check just one minute and see if I can give you an answer.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, all right. And I'm not going to risk