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SENATOR ROBINSON: Well the bill hasn't passed. I've talked to the Department of Education, they have no problem with the rules and regs. We visited with the Department of Education many times on this bill. In fact, the commissioner spoke in favor of the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, that may well be, but I'm trying to get from you some guidance for them. I talked to them today and they said they had...I talked to them about how they would interpret this particular provision and they said they had no idea how it was intended to be interpreted.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'd be happy to visit with them again if they're not clear.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well all I'm asking you is to state on the floor what your intention is with regard to this...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I just put my light on because of a remark Senator Witek made that I think needs to be factually corrected, and if her basis of support for this amendment is that by somehow including the grants received from this bill as accountable receipts will somehow lower property taxes, it does exactly the opposite. Any money that a school district gets in as an accountable receipt is subtracted from their needs. That means that have a higher number subtracted from their needs, they get less money in state aid. It's a fairly simple, arithmetic equation that if that is the basis for Senator Witek's support for this, that somehow it's going to replace property tax dollars, it won't do that. As a matter of fact, it will mean more property tax dollars have to be raised. Senator Robinson was 100 percent correct about this amendment. I can remember last year at this time one of the few...I shouldn't say one of the few times, one of the times that Senator Hall and I had a little bit of a disagreement, we've had a few of those over the years, and Senator Hall was quite agitated, I think, about a particular bill that had not been dealt with fairly as he felt on the floor of the Legislature. I made a speech and Senator Witek came back to me in one of the very few times in this body when she has remarked that I made good remarks and she