

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, as there's more children that are having the need for these books or having updated books. Many cases it's replacement books for books that are outdated. It's a matter of whether...how current you'd like to keep your books for your children.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it's possible, Senator Wehrbein, that a parent who may have a child in a nonpublic school could be in need if Voc Rehab, for example, having been injured on a job?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I assume it could be possible, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it's more important to put books in these schools than it is to make it possible for that parent to be trained in order to earn a living?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, that's a decision each of us has to make. We tried to make it equally important because as I said, the 750 in Voc Rehab is additional money. It isn't...I'll have to look at the exact size of the program at this point, but it's not that we're putting nothing in that program either.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we have, Senator Wehrbein, 100 children who are suffering a treatable disease and we put in enough money to cure or treat the 100 and the Governor cuts out 50 percent of that money, should we say that our conscience can rest easy and our heads can rest on our pillows at night and we can sleep the sweet sleep of the just by saying even though 50 children will not be treated who could be treated, we will take solace from the fact that 50 are being treated? In other words, if we treat, make treatment available for 50 we shouldn't worry about the other 50 that we will not treat?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well certainly we should, but if we've increased the treatment for some, even though it's not all, we should feel a little better, perhaps never as good as we would like to feel, but making some progress is what we're trying to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, if I stuck a knife that's eight inches long into your back up to the hilt and it didn't kill you and I pulled it out four inches, does that help you?