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proposed previously that would have done that, taken it out of the equalization. And that may have been what, where the confusion lies.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you very much. Senator Bohlke, would you answer one more question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR WITEK: Or maybe two.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: How many of the option students in Nebraska, if you know the answer to this, are optioning into districts that have all day kindergarten and if their district does not have all day kindergarten?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Witek, I don't know that answer. I can tell you how many students are optioning, I can tell you how many are net positive, but that I do not know.

SENATOR WITEK: Do we have an idea if it's a large number? I've been getting phone calls from people who are in favor of putting more money...keeping the option program the way it is so that they can continue to option into districts,...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right.

SENATOR WITEK: ...but many of those people are optioning into the district because the district offers all day kindergarten and their district does not at this time do so.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator, I think that, I think I know what you're talking about. In District 66, they, and I know they have the all day kindergarten. I'm not sure how many others, but the majority that, what we would be talking about would be District 66. They have a positive net of about, of 400 students that would be affected by increasing this payment. So the calls you've been getting from parents who are saying, you're going to