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SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President, I'll yield my time to Senator Brown.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Pardon me? To Senator who? Oh, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask a few questions, and I wondered if Senator McKenzie would yield to a couple questions?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator McKenzie, are you available for questions?

SENATOR BROWN: I thought she was on the floor.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I do not see Senator McKenzie on the floor, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I do see Senator McKenzie rapidly approaching the floor, Senator Brown. Senator McKenzie, would you respond to some questions?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Your...the committee that you chair, on special education, have you been dealing with special education reimbursements and inequities in the funding of special education?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Brown, the Special Education Accountability Commission, which I have to say that's one I'm happy I'm not chairing, has been meeting since the passage of 742, last session, looking at a new formula, both in terms of distribution of funds, and also moving from a reimbursement system to something else. They've been given the charge to look at equalization issues, small schools, rapid growth schools, high cost students. They will present their final recommendations June 1 of this year.