

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...formula.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you very much. It would be my opinion that we're a little premature in dealing with this particular amendment if we're waiting until June for the recommendations from the Special Ed Accountability Committee. And I think that we had a great deal of discussion last year on the floor when we adopted that bill...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...excuse me, about how long it would take to develop the plan. And now it seems like, even though we have a process in place to develop the plan, we're rushing to implement something. So I am...I want to listen a little bit more to the debate, but I really have some serious questions about it. And I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Abboud. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Beutler. Pardon me. Senator Abboud, you have 20 seconds.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'd just like to say that Senator Beutler and I have been confused quite a bit lately, and it doesn't surprise me that you got us confused again. So.... (Laughter.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, was that the extent of your statement?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Then we'll move to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I would like to say for the record that I'm not confused (laughter) despite what some people say. I'd like just to talk a little bit about the process and Senator Brown and Senator McKenzie talked about it a little bit. And it is true that the Education Committee is looking at special education. I think the main focus of that effort has been to look at access to special education, not the question that we're dealing with today, but rather what's happening with the special education program, how things are defined, how kids get into the program, what kinds of kids get into the program, that sort of thing. It does have a financial aspect in the sense that it wasn't limited to any particular area. But what we're doing