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place with the Special Ed Accountability Commission. I'm not certain, having not had a chance to talk to any of those members today, whether or not they would view this, this way. I think this is an issue that does impact districts where we have not adequately addressed special education costs, where they are high, or where...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...they are low, and its timeliness may be, I guess, up to the body.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Bohlke, why was this not included in the original bill? And I'm not talking about whether I'm for or against the bill, but I guess, why wasn't it included on Select File?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Robinson, it was included in the original package from the study group of 160 when it came to the Education Committee. At that time we had the discussion of what all was going on with special education and decided then to pull that out of the package. Since then, coming back and recognizing, by making that decision, we really were negatively affecting schools that had very high special ed costs, and what we're trying to do with our formula is to move money to those schools and be able to recognize schools that have particular needs, as we did with transportation. It then seemed that it should...it was something that...it was a close decision in committee, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I understand. Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And I think now the committee supports it.