

translations.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I guess my real question is, you talked about how many dollars?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Total for this year would be about 37,000, after that it would be \$14,000 a year just to provide the in-service training for teachers.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I guess I was just curious to how you arrived, how do you know how many, how many schools would be in line to want to acquire this equipment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The equipment itself would be used by the Department of Education. It wouldn't be the schools, it would be the Department of Education that would do the kinds of translations that then they could send to the schools.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh. I was just trying to clear because I guess I get a little nervous when I think we're, and we're not, but if we were mandating some type of a program at the same time we're asking schools to reduce their spending and then ask them to expand. It's one of those issues where nobody would certainly not have sympathy with the cause, except I just was, wanted to be sure that we weren't trying to mandate some, some expenditures in school districts that they may not be able to afford, that's my only...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We are not doing that, Senator, but I believe that we should. If schools aren't doing it now they should be because reading is basic. Everybody says we want to get back to the basics, well, for a blind student, braille is basic.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And...but that's not the argument here. The argument is whether we should be able to at least provide some in-service training for these teachers.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand, I just wanted to make sure in my own mind that I understood what you were doing. And certainly, I would never disagree that the basic education has to come from reading. And so I just wanted to make clear in my own mind. I appreciate your answers, thank you.