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result I intend to support this legislation. Thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Bromm, you are recognized to be the next speaker.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. And I'm sorry I had to be out of the Chamber when this discussion started, Senator Bohlke. So I apologize if I ask you something that's already been answered. But as I understand it, from a brief discussion with counsel, we're going back to where...what the bill will do with your amendment, if we adopt your amendment and then the committee amendments. It will increase the allowable growth rate from 3 to 5 percent, and it will insert the language that allows reimbursement for medical expenditures that are incurred as part of the IEP. Could I ask Senator Bohlke to respond to that, if I could?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bohlke, would you like to respond?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: And, Senator Bohlke, in another life, a few years ago, we had LB 742, which was a fairly controversial bill that tried to put some limitations on the growth in special ed, which was kind of going through the roof at the time. And it seemed like LB 742 worked for a little while. It seemed like the numbers of increasing students who are identified for inclusion in the program, the rate of growth of numbers declined for a while. Is that...is that right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: The change in students, I have that...the percentages, some of them are minus, and then some of them are plus. So the number of students were bouncing around a little. We've seen an increase, actually, the number of students continued to increase all the way back to 1988. We hadn't seen a decline in the number of students, but certainly the cost had come down.

SENATOR BROMM: What I was trying to say was the rate of increase slowed down for a while.