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SENATOR STUHR: Thank you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Stuhr. To elaborate a little bit on what Senator Stuhr had to say, let me refer you to some legal-size sheets that you...that were handed around, two of them. And they have sort of darkened boxes, three of them, diagonal across the page. And there's one sort of a simpler one, and one sort a little bit more complicated. And if you would, focus on the simpler one first--which is contrary to my usual procedure. But anyway, that's what we'll do. If you look on the left column, titled "fifth birthday," this would indicate the month and year at which a child becomes five years old. Across the top are months of the school year. Again, it's just a time axis. So if you take, for example, a child that is five in January of '04--that would be the third line down--that child would be six in August of '05. And if it began the kindergarten class, it would be six up until January of '06, and then seven until that child completed the kindergarten grade. So the darkened area then designates the class, the kindergarten class, if you will, and shows the age of children in that class. The left-hand column indicates that there is a 20-month age range allowed. And the lighter shaded area below is an optional area. This...or this is admitting students that are not five, for example, until October of '05, would be the option of the local school district. One other item I'll point out to you. If you take a child, for example, one that turns five in February of '05, that child would have the option, or the parents of that child, if you will, would have the option, within the rules that are being presented here, to attend kindergarten in either of two years, either the year that's represented...the school year represented on the left, or the one in the center. And similarly, every child...or a child born in any one of those months would have the options, under these rules, to attend one or either of two kindergarten classes. Now the exception to that is the shaded area. They could attend only at the option, if you will, of the school district, where the school district decided to allow them. But also notice that that group of children would fall right in the middle of the desired age range, if you would, of kids in kindergarten. So I've got to believe this is confusing, but please bear with me. The numbers, which are a little hard