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entire time to earn the money to go. I didn't attend classes. And I had so many...I was carrying 18 hours a semester, and that was nothing. And toward the end of my career, I had so many hours that I just started dropping classes. I have a lot of "AFs" on my record. That means "absence failure." You don't get credit because you missed all the classes. But I still graduated on time. When I went to the law school, I didn't attend classes. I guess that's what...and you see me now, how defective I am, how unable I am to deal with words. And I started school when I was four years old. I look at a letter that was handed around to us. And with my inferior education and my lack of ability because I started school early, the first thing that jumped out at me is, a teacher said, I know we would see less students requiring remedial or special education services. She needs a little remedial grammar, because it's not "less students," it's "fewer students." I read stuff that teachers send. There was a professor at the university who wanted some kind of little biography from me and I guess all the Senators, and said, don't worry about the "grammer," g-r-a-m-m-e-r. And I said, I'd be worried about a lot more. And I didn't send her anything about me. I don't respond to those things anyway. A lot of this stuff might be lazy teachers, lazy administrators, and a way to control the student population, by saying, we're not going to let these kids in, because it will make the class sizes too large. This teacher talked about, look at all the money that will be saved if these kids don't go to school at a certain time. The more I listen to this, the less I like it. So I got to ask Senator Raikes a question. Maybe he can tell me something. Senator Raikes, how old...what is the youngest age a child can be allowed, under all this stuff that has been presented to us, to enter kindergarten, or "kinnygarden," as you will?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Senator Chambers, under the rules proposed here, a child, at the option of the school district, could be four years old for the first four months of their kindergarten career.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they couldn't be...a child couldn't be as