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in many of our districts, a longer day. Many four-year-olds are still napping, but would not be able to in an all-day kindergarten situation. So I think that's the issue that Senator Stuhr was trying to address in her bill from the starting age of four and we are having that amendment drafted. So I ask your patience and thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to recommit the bill to the Education Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your motion to recommit to committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, having spoken my three times, this is the only way I can continue the discussion. From what I understand, the amendment will leave the starting date where it is now, October 15. Yesterday, when I left here, that was my understanding of what was going to happen with this bill, and I had told Senator Raikes and others who were interested in this bill that if that date is changed from September 1, which the amendment was going to do, and left at October 15, where it is now, the rest of the bill, even though I have...even though it doesn't make me happy, I'm going to leave all of the rest of the bill alone, believing that when an understanding is reached with me, the most powerful one, the king cobra, that I can count on that understanding being acted upon because I acted upon it. Well, when I rely on something and I act on it to my detriment, then I am not going to easily turn away from what was done. I believe in punishing, and I'll tell you why. Adults punish children because they say children must be taught that certain conduct is unacceptable, and the method of punishment often is excessive. Whenever adults put their hands on children in anger, I think it's wrong. There are silly black people who whip children and say it's our heritage. I say it's not your heritage. It has nothing to do with black. This is based on a slave mentality. On the plantation everybody wanted to beat