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especially a four-year-old or a five-year-old, in about a six-week time frame? My daughter started kindergarten this year and a lot of you can all remember and a lot of you know, you're in the same position, there is a huge difference. I can come home at night and see changes in eight hours between, you know, what she has gone through, you know, at 7:30 in the morning and what she is dealing with at 4:00 or 5:00 at night. So I came to that realization right away when I read that language. I guess I feel like I understand what's going on there. The one thing that occurs to me also is I have three girls and one boy, and there's a significant difference between those three girls...I could group the girls together. There is a significant difference between those three and him, and where they were as far as a five-year-old and being ready for that type of school environment. So the funny thing is we're dealing with issues...the thing that confuses me a little bit is we're throwing a blanket over things. I guess we have to, to lay out rules and guidelines, because we don't have anything else to go with. But the whole thing seems pretty precarious to me. I'd almost like to see where we wouldn't even have a situation where we had those rules and guidelines; where we could say, you know what, this four-year old is ready. The parents have prepared that four-year-old. The parents know that this four-year-old is ready. Let's get on with it. Let's let this kid do what he needs to do, he or she, and let's move forward. Obviously, that's not realistic. I guess what I'd just like to say, in a perfect world my feeling would be blow away these...blow away these rules and guidelines. Not going to happen. I guess my feeling is, now that I've talked for probably three minutes and talked myself into it, forget about the recommitment to committee, and maybe that's not...and maybe that was just a reason for Senator Chambers to express some views, but I'll listen to some more debate. I'd like to really see what...where this is going to end up going. Thank you, Mr. President, for the time.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Friend.      Senator Stuhr. Did you wish to speak, Senator Stuhr?

SENATOR STUHR:      Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body.      I guess in this particular issue Senator Chambers and I