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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR STUHR: ...so that next year it came as no surprise that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR STUHR: ...there would be some requirement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But my main question you answered. You're looking at benefiting children in the schools.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. The other day, members of the Legislature, we were talking about a juvenile compact. I expressed great concern about what happens to our children. The ones who support this bill didn't have anything to say about the welfare of children on that bill. Yesterday, we were talking about what they call Medicaid reform. And I spoke repeatedly about why I don't trust HHSS, don't trust the state and the Legislature, because they have gone along with cutting people off Medicaid who need it. And the ones who support this bill we're talking about did not get in that discussion. If I were a person who would let bitterness enter into me, I would be bitter. But bitterness is one of those emotions that can sap energy and strength without replacing it with anything of value. I'm going to read an article that was in this morning's paper. Headline: Ruling--Ending Medicaid Benefits Was Wrong. Young Senator Erdman was wondering why people such as myself would talk about experience giving me an idea of what is likely to happen when this approach is taken toward Medicaid. Subheadline: The lawsuit was filed on behalf of single working parents. A judge ruled Wednesday that the state was wrong to cut off Medicaid payments to scores of single working parents last year. Single working parents, and the people on this floor, in general, don't care, while talking about having people work, and the respect for the family. So much hypocrisy. If it was fetuses, we know who would be jumping up on this floor and yakety-yakking. U.S. District Judge Laurie Smith Camp ruled