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SENATOR HOWARD: That's my understanding.

SENATOR SMITH: How many of those were pending?

SENATOR HOWARD: I can't tell you. I don't know the number.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you, Senator Howard, and thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Mines.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. In the conclusion of the handout that was distributed to you, you will see that there's a statement talking about developmentally appropriate behavior, and the curriculum needs to be designed for that. When I was on the Ralston School Board, there was a great deal of discussion about whether or not we wanted to move to all-day kindergarten. At that time the teachers spent a great deal of time looking at all of the research, talking about what was developmentally appropriate, and designing the kind of curriculum that they would put in the classroom. And what I discovered as a school board member was that, in fact, we really weren't going to gain any more academic teaching time. We were going to spread it out a little more, but we were still going to use those early morning hours when children are fresher to really concentrate on learning activities, and we were going to spend afternoons, because it was more appropriate, on activities like PE or art or maybe just play time. And I'm not saying that there's not value in play time, but I will tell you that that's pretty expensive play time. And I will never forget the day that one of my daughters was finishing up her kindergarten year, and she was in a half-day program, and they had a special treat, and they were going to stay for lunch in the school cafeteria, and they were going to introduce the children to what they would face next year in first grade, how they would be able to stay in school all day long. And she came home that day and she looked a little bit sad. I said, did you have a good time at the lunch? Was that fun? And she kind of stuck her lip out and she said, I don't know why they want to make you go to school all day, when