

so that's why I'm not offering any amendments at this point until I get a chance to chat with them. But I did want them to know that if we could...if they could let me know later, I would appreciate that. The other parts of the Bohlke amendment, and even that itself is a good amendment, and I give whatever time I have to Senator McKenzie so she can actually use now the time that Senator Bohlke granted that Senator Hall did not give.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I appreciate the fact that I fell down on my duties. Senator McKenzie, you have approximately three minutes.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, and thank you, Senator Bohlke, thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I, too, rise in support of the Bohlke amendment and do appreciate the fact that one of the concerns that parent advocacy groups certainly are concerned about is their ability to be involved in this process, not only the parent advocate groups but the groups such as ARC who are out there and who have traditionally in the past been very, very involved in whatever revisions have been proposed to Rule 51 to changes in state statute and who are very concerned about the civil rights of their children and their family members. So I think it's absolutely essential that we provide for this opportunity that they can bring in their suggestions or alternatives for consideration to both the Education Committee and the Special Education Accountability Commission. Again, I stand in support of the Bohlke amendment and would yield the remainder of Senator Bernard-Stevens' time to Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Bohlke, you have approximately two minutes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Senator Hall, I thank you for recognizing the fact that you dropped the ball and Senator Bernard-Stevens for recognizing the fact that you did drop the ball and giving then the time to Senator McKenzie that I was going to give to her, now she's giving back to me so that I can answer Senator Bernard-Stevens' question which is, why do we have both the Education Committee and the Special Education Accountability Commission mentioned? Originally, it was just the Education Committee and Senator Bernard-Stevens was correct when he and I talked about that. That's what I had told him. Since that time, I had heard from the Special Education Accountability Commission that they really just wanted to be kept informed as