

we were cutting the program, and that, obviously, is not the case as has been outlined by the debate so far. But, secondly, there is a great deal of concern relative to what we are doing, specifically with the Bohlke-Bromm amendments, so I think we need to proceed cautiously, and so I'll...maybe I will ask if Senator Bohlke would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I think my main thrust probably deals more with Section 11 than Section 8, so I will just ask, Senator Bohlke, is it possible, and we are talking about aggregate funds going out to all the school districts, would it, in your estimation, be possible that you'd have a school district that, in fact, is spending more money than they need to, will be able to make some modifications and spend the same amount of money, not need to...not need to request any waivers, and just continue along as they have been unaffected, where another school district might be just the exact opposite?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, I believe that is true, Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Is there, in the effort that you've put into this particular subject, is there a way that we can deal with that inequity that develops when we look at the type of a funding program that the special ed program has been under historically?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, there are two things, Senator Maurstad. One, this whole area is on the appropriation, not the individual district, which I know you realize. Secondly, the person who will be at the Department of Ed to react to the waivers will be able to look at that very situation.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So then the waiver is the assurance that we are going to take care of those that do, in fact, have needs that will continue to rise legitimately, and yet those that have some room to adjust to this hammer, this amendment, and what we are doing relative to 754, or 742 will really leave those unaffected, won't it? So we are not going to make those more efficient, are we?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's...that's why we have capped the appropriation and not the individual district, but if we make them more efficient or not, I think that we, indeed, would.