

SENATOR BOHLKE: In western Nebraska, perhaps it's a student working on a ranch and they get FFA credit. There are numbers of possibilities. For a young second grader, like I said, it may be sitting in the principal's office doing the homework in that specialized tutorial situation. There are numbers of things that we can do, and I...you know, sometimes people just tend to get hysterical, throw up their arms and say this is an unfunded mandate, and they never even think of what they can do to create and design programs that can respond to students and be something constructive in this time that certainly is a time of punishment, and well should be. But it makes absolutely no sense to send them out onto the streets where I think they are...could become a danger to the community and certainly gives them little chance of getting back on track. And sometimes if it is even sooner than the expelled time would allow them to come back into the classroom...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, listening to Senator Wickersham, I think he threw...shot up some flares, and I think there is two things we have to talk about. How many schools do we have available now and how many young people do get expelled? Now, I know there were two of them in Omaha, one of them had a pen knife, does this include pen knives, Senator Bohlke?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: This includes...the gun law is for a firearm.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, so it doesn't include the hot spoon episode in Omaha where the kid got expelled...

SENATOR BOHLKE: We wouldn't lose funding over that, but, Senator Robinson, this does include all students who would be expelled.

SENATOR ROBINSON: It does include all school people, okay. And, I know, I've read about those. I don't think that everyone that gets expelled is belligerent. In fact, I know a couple of