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SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Bohlke, first...I came up a little late, but I want to make a couple of comments about alternative education. Senator Bohlke, could I have your ear for...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I'll listen.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Wouldn't this be an appropriate time, you know, we are talking about equalization, wouldn't this be an appropriate time to put some money in for alternative education, because where are most of the dropouts? They are in the...probably in the Omaha area, Lincoln area, I don't know about Hastings. But those, I think we should put some money in there for schools to take care of alternative education. Last year we laid it on them, and we all know how it happened last year, that we were forced to do that because of the loss of federal revenue. Now I would think this would be a very appropriate time, on Select File, to put some money in there for the school districts of Nebraska to take care of alternative education. We think it's a great thing, evidently, we voted for it. I am sure none of you have heard from any of your schools like I have. I have heard from all of them, and they said, of course, I know the old word, unfunded mandates, but that's what we are, we are a mandating group of people, and that's what...that's what the Nebraska Legislature is. But let me ask you this question, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I haven't answered the first one yet, but...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Go ahead, go ahead and answer it.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Should we put money in on 1050 for alternative education? That's why we moved the date back that will give us next session, one, and, number two, the rules and regs have not been written, and so we would have that. That's part of the reason for the date change.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Oh, that will hap...it will become, it will become effective then a year, next January 1st, is that correct? A year from, a year...

SENATOR BOHLKE: July 1 of '97.