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the purpose of mandating all-day kindergarten for all children, but rather to take away consideration in this process of determining funds, I will have to comment on what I think is the value of the all-day kindergarten. I wish Senator Engel were here. I see life as a seamless web. When we take up other subjects, I will bring in things that may not seem to have a direct bearing. But when we had before us LB 882, talking about those work camps, I pointed out that the statistics have shown that for every dollar spent on Head Start, it saves \$4.75 in welfare and criminal justice costs. A number of people indicated that LB 882 was not the bill to discuss that particular issue on because 882 dealt with adults. I always have felt that prevention is better than cure. We're on a bill now where we're in the realm of prevention. Senator Dierks, there is a song that says..Harry Belafonte sang it, "House Built on a Weak Foundation Cannot Stand". There is no guarantee that a house built on a strong foundation will stand, but you can rest assured that a house built on a weak foundation will not stand. If you lay in the firm foundation, you could almost give it as a truism that the firmer the foundation, the more enduring the edifice constructed on top of it. If we have a hurricane, if you're in that part of the country, or a tornado in this part of the country, it might sweep everything at ground level away, but those who are in a basement or some structure below the ground, which is firmly constructed, they'll have the chance to survive. I'm glad that Senator Wickersham talked about how much these very young children learn, how much they absorb, especially with reference to language. When people have studied language, they've learned more about the brain, the functioning of the mind, the rate at which people learn, the point at which they begin to learn than they do when they study any other human activity. Exposure to language is one of the most important things for a human being. The ability to express, by way of language, what it is we think is crucial to functioning in a complex society. Senator Wickersham, we all know of that stage, those of us who've had children and who've been around children, when these little ones babble, they just make noises that seem helter-skelter, at random, incoherent, and serving no purpose, but there is a purpose to that, and in studying the children of hearing-impaired parents, children who watch their parents sign, at the same stage where children who can speak and hear are babbling,...