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another example to counterbalance that. Tri-County schools, several years ago. I walked into...it was either a third- or fourth-grade classroom to dead silence. Dead silence, and they had a profoundly deaf student who had entered as a kindergarten student, and through the special ed program, everyone learned to sign. And part of the day was spent with everyone signing. Part of the day was spent with oral and written speech. That profoundly deaf student was well-adjusted. I couldn't have told you which one it was because they were learning in addition to communicate with one of the many...one of the many dialects of the American sign language, which again, presents a problem I don't think we have time to talk about this morning. They were also learning how to learn how to play, how to interact in the speaking world, and that's as equally important. That's why I'm not really thinking that I'm a great fan for the Nebraska School for the Deaf, because at some point in time, people graduate from that, too. And if you have too much assistance, you can find yourself asea in the world that you then have to live in. I have not been convinced that the system we have in Nebraska, under our special education system, in fact, is not working. I'm going to vote, by the way, to advance 851A, but I'm going to pay particular attention to 851 itself when it comes before us the next time, because I am absolutely convinced that to provide interpreters all of the time in the manner that I understand is proposed is the wrong way to help. And it makes no difference whether there are people with sight problems, whether there are other physical disabilities, we are, in fact, educating adults, and educating adults at whatever age they are in the system from preschool to kindergarten on to graduation. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Crosby, your light is next. There are no further lights. Would you like to use this time as your closing?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, I will. Thank you, Madam President. I do appreciate Senator McKenzie and Senator Lynch and Senator Coordsen and Senator Bromm...everybody...Senator Robinson, bringing up these questions today because when I...I will remind you that the original LB 851 is a bill that changes the name of the Commission on the Hearing Impaired to Commission on the Hard of Hearing and Deaf. I think that's...or Deaf and Hard of