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SENATOR CHAMBERS: They would be majority?

SENATOR KIEL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that, if I don't know how to speak Spanish, I could teach children who speak only Spanish how to speak English? I don't know how to speak Spanish. My children that I'm teaching speak only Spanish. I speak only English. Can I teach those children how to speak English?

SENATOR KIEL: I'd say probably you wouldn't be the best person to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I...okay, so I say, I say...I say que es esto...esta.

SENATOR KIEL: If I could...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so I say hand, hand, then the child says, mano. I say eye, the child says ojo. So, okay, hand, eye. That's not teaching anybody how to speak a language.

SENATOR KIEL: I should respond more directly. I think a person who can speak Spanish is the best person to teach a bilingual class, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they have to know the language of those they're teaching.

SENATOR KIEL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now when it comes to an educational situation, do you think all the purpose of education is served when you teach children dates, how to spell, how to calculate?

SENATOR KIEL: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that people who have nothing or very little in common with the children they're trying to teach can reach those children in the type of way necessary to teach them well the types of things that they should learn in a