

that have been brought up about this measure, are, I believe, inaccurate, misinformed, and not significant. I think that the amendment that's been proposed by Senator Chambers is very good, and I think we ought to support it, and I think that there are very strong arguments in favor, and the arguments that have been raised against it are very weak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I concur in the nobility of trying to prevent further disabilities, but I fail to read into this anything that would in any way materially affect the number of children that would become subject to this. But more importantly, now that we are starting to play with our seven percent lid bill, and our schools are repeatedly crying if you are going to mandate what we have to do, then you have a prime obligation to fund it. To say this is not a mandate of the school board flies in the face of the word "shall". We have a Department of Education charged specifically with control of the curriculum of the schools of this state, and we have a constitutional prohibition in our own Article 3, Section 18, saying that the Legislature shall not pass laws dealing with the management of schools, and yet here we are about to do it in the name of nobility, a function that can be perfectly and completely implemented by the local school board at its own volition, or upon the suggestion of the Department of Education. Gentlemen, let's not start putting curriculum into the statutes of this state. We have been through this. We speak of local control, and we have empathy and we keep dumping more money into local school operation to justify this sort of operation. Let's let our own school boards and our Department of Education run the curriculum of those schools and keep our hands out of it in compliance with the constitution dealing with the section on the Legislature. I am very much opposed to one more mandate, the superior knowledge of 49 people opposed to all the school boards and the Department of Education in this state. Let us be noble somewhere else.

PRESIDENT: We'll bring the debate at this point to a halt, and have the Clerk read any matters. I still have Senator Venditte, Senator Lamb, Senator Marsh, Senator Cope and then Senator Wesely again, and we'll keep that list for tomorrow. The Clerk may read matters in and then we'll stand ready for recess.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee