

maybe some other caps and in the four support areas. So, I won't elaborate on that. But one question of Senator Vickers, just for the record, please. On page 28, starting with line 22, an inability to learn which cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors, then this is what is crossed out, characteristics specified in this subsection in sufficient frequency, duration, or intensity to require intervention for educational, social, or emotional growth and development. The term shall include children who are autistic. Now, this was I guess quite a concern to get autistic children included a few years back. The behavioral impairment cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory or health factors, the characteristics of behaviorally impaired children included. My recollection and, Senator Vickers, will you clear this up for the record, please, is we did not specifically discuss autistic children. I don't think that we meant to take autistic children out of there. Am I correct?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vickers, will you respond, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Nelson, as I understand it, this language is being stricken because there will be the necessity for a bill, this next session, to follow more specifically some changes in the federal guidelines or federal law that is not, at this point, known well enough to draft the language to do it. So, yes, there will be language changes made that you are going to have to be dealing with this next session in that particular area.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Senator Vickers. That was...my first simple answer was that this was simply to conform with federal guidelines, but I did want that question asked. I'll relinquish any time I have to Senator Vickers.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vickers, you want to use any of Senator Nelson's time?

SENATOR VICKERS: I'll just wait and answer questions, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vickers, you do have an amendment to the committee amendments. Is that correct?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, there is.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Would this be the proper time, Mr. Clerk, to