

that home school and into a public school or a private school, couldn't it?

SENATOR WESELY: I guess I wasn't thinking along those lines. I was thinking along the lines that if they are home schooling and met whatever state requirements are in place, that would fall under the definition of regular attendance at school since it doesn't preclude home school.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the bill doesn't say that, members of the Legislature...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and this is what I'm talking about. They were so anxious, and now I'm not talking about the individual senators here but those who put this together, I don't believe they've read it, they haven't thought it through, they haven't had time. But there are very serious issues and I wish somebody else on this floor would pay attention to them. I am upset about the cuts and the intrusions on the privacy, into the privacy of poor people, but there are other very important issues such as the one that I am raising about the home schools. For my part, if it were done the way that I would say, there would be no home schools.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Madam President, members of the body, I'm going to rise in opposition to the Schimek amendment although I very much appreciate what she is saying and what she is attempting to do here. For that reason I would like to go through what I see as the process that we've designed here through this legislation as well as the student discipline legislation. What it says is clearly that we will make it a strong message that attendance in school is something that we expect families to work on, is that they make every effort that their children go to school and that is something that would be identified in the written plan between the state and the family, that one of their responsibilities is to make every effort to get their child to school. When the child doesn't show up for school then the Student Discipline Act kicks in in the sense that there has to be a communication between the parent and the school and the case manager or school counselor or both. And that is the system that is going to be in place for all