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SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I didn't think I was up yet. I'm sorry, Madam President, someone was talking to me and I didn't catch what was going on. I just want to make a couple of points here. Since we haven't had a chance to talk about the bill I'm going to keep bringing you back to it. I want to talk about time lines, how this whole process is going to work because people are questioning about every word in this bill being defined which is typically done for rules and regulations, but let me tell you what the process is here because it's slightly different than what we're doing with other kinds of legislation. First of all, we're going to make some policy decisions this year, hopefully. Then the round table studies will be going on during this summer. The department will bring back to us that report from the round tables, all of that information, and in an amendment that Senator Wesely and I have we'll specify more specifically what kinds of information we want. Then the list of waivers that are going to be submitted to the federal government will be given to the Legislature. The waiver and the plan for the waiver plan will be submitted to the federal government. When it is approved by the federal government, it will come back to the Legislature next legislative session. That plan for implementation will be presented to us for approval and no implementation can occur until that happens. And in that plan and through the public hearings leading up to that plan is when we will get every definition of every term that is being applied in this particular legislation. I just...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...want you to be aware of the fact that you will have the opportunity to come back and look at the details of this. The other thing I want to throw out is Senator McKenzie talked about why should we punish parents who are making every effort to get their kids to school? We are not. If you read the way this is now written as amended by Senator Beutler, it says, if families are making a reasonable effort to encourage their children to come to school, they will not receive any penalty, they will not and encouragement is not in reference to encouraging parents to do this, but encourage, parents encouraging their children to go to school. They have to be making reasonable effort to encourage their children. That switched in the General File and I think it was a good switch to say just simply because the child doesn't show up for