

school doesn't mean that sanctions can be implied. In fact, they cannot the way the bill is now written.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: They can only be applied if the parents are not making a reasonable effort.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to yield some time to Senator Bernard-Stevens, but I have one thing to say. When...before you all start praising Bob Armstrong again I want you to remember the article I handed around to you all where he misled these youngsters as to what a four-year scholarship meant. Those words mean something and you all are going to take carte blanche anecdotal things from him and put it into the statute. I'm going to yield a portion of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, and if the Pages would tell me at one minute, at the last minute I reserve back to Senator Chambers who really needs the last minute. I rise to support the Chambers amendment and I do so not because I necessarily do not support the bill, in fact, there are portions of the bill I do, but Senator Rasmussen said some things that finally convinced me that this section is dead wrong, absolutely dead wrong and I'll tell you what finally convinced me of that. When Senator Rasmussen was talking about a reciprocal agreement between the state and families receiving welfare, I agreed with that, but I began looking why welfare? Why do we do welfare? We do it because families are in trouble. We do it because there may be abuse going on in families and it drives them apart. We do it because they lost a job. We do it because of divorce or maybe there has been a husband who has left the family or a mother with children and they need help. We do it because they need a lot of things to survive but nowhere in the major mix is education necessarily, except education for the parent. And so there is a reciprocal agreement. If the recipient is not going to classes as supposed to, if they are