

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have about 40 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I won't try to do it at this point then. I will just say that when I speak again or close, I'm going to point out to you all the arbitrariness that can occur with different caseworkers and none of it is prohibited by this statute. There is no guideline whatsoever and would make more sense for them to say, if the school were, if you had to do this, if the school felt that because of the child's attendance there is a danger to the child's ability to successfully complete this semester, that's one thing. You have trained people making a trained judgment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Instead you're leaving it in the hands of caseworkers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Before introducing Senator Schimek, let me recognize a guest of Senator Bernard-Stevens, seven high school students who are representing Wallace High School in the FHA's parliamentary procedure competition. I don't know if they're here to get a good example or a bad example of parliamentary procedure, but welcome you here anyway. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Bromm, Beutler, Rasmussen, Bernard-Stevens, Wesely and Bohlke.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Wesely mentioned a while ago that he thought I wasn't being up front with my amendment and that's only because I sit in the back of the Chamber, Senator Wesely. But I was being up front and I don't think anybody's amendment should be questioned as being not up front. I think that my approach is more positive perhaps even than the Chambers amendment although I don't have any real serious problem with the Chambers amendment. I think it is important to have some intent language in this bill that does encourage regular attendance at school. I don't have a problem with that and I'd like to thank Senator Byars for some of his remarks a while ago. I thought they were very thoughtful and I think that's what I meant when I said earlier on in this...this morning, that I didn't intend to harass the bill. I meant that. I want a full discussion of these issues. I want the opportunity to hear Senator Wesely and Senator Rasmussen talk about their amendments. I know that a lot of people have put a lot of hard work into this bill and I'm