

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I hope nobody is in a hurry because the poor have been shunted aside always because they're inconvenient and in people's way, but I have plenty of time for this and I'm going to take it, and I'm going to continue to push this issue. I don't care what anybody says about intentions and what they hope will happen. And if Senator Beutler cannot even imagine this being abused by those who enforce it, then he's not in a position to even participate in the discussion. But I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question, if he's available. Well, let me ask Senator Rasmussen because my time will run out. Oh, here's Senator Beutler, it's his amendment, that's why I want to ask him the language he's got. Senator Beutler, with the language currently in this provision, it says that if a parent does not make these reasonable efforts, and so forth, to see that the child regularly attends school, are you with me on that, because that's what I want to ask you. If a caseworker decides that missing three days out of a semester is not regular enough, is that prohibited by the statute from being a determination?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm not...repeat your question again, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In determining whether or not a child is regularly attending school, a caseworker is going to make a determination.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if that caseworker decides that three days missed in a semester does not constitute regular attendance, is that prohibited by the language of this amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I would expect that the department would set up rules and regulations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm asking you about...I'm asking about the language of the amendment. It doesn't, does it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, you can't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a caseworker...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...you can't define everything in this part,