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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...knowing full well that the result was likely to be higher property taxes, but we did that and we did that at a time when there...and there was and still is statutory language that said we would appropriate a different amount. We did that. Now, the bill that we adopted last year, LB 149, placed in our policy arena the idea that we would support K-12 schools in accordance with a formula that we had adopted. We put them in a box. We put schools in a box with a state aid formula that we developed and we said, you'll either get money from property taxes or you'll get money from us; those are your primary sources of resources; that's how we expect you to provide education across the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We are debating the advancement of LB 1107 to E & R Initial. Those wishing to speak are Senators Chambers, Raikes, Kristensen and Wickersham. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, "Mr. Wizard", I'm in a situation today where I'm compelled to side with Senator Kristensen and what I think is going to happen, Senator Kristensen, if this bill advances, is that the majority of the senators, when the impact hits, are going to say I didn't know that's what the bill did, I didn't hear that discussed. They didn't hear it discussed because they were not listening. Many...let me not say "many". Several times in the past on very crucial policy decisions senators have not paid that much attention. The "wizard" warned yesterday that eyes were going to glaze over, and I could have added a metal shield is going to slide across the mind because we're talking about these aid formulas and principles. I've stayed out of the discussion until this point because there were too many temptations for me to try to tinker with the formula, and that tinkering would not have been successful. It would have given me the opportunity to talk about policy issues, but I decided that on the motion to advance would be the time. Those kind of discussions are good, Senators Wickersham and Kristensen, for the permanent record, which is going to be transcribed and will