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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Beyond that then, if we do extend this for everybody, should we just as well strike the...I mean, why in your mind did you put another termination date on it? Because we've...if we do this, we've broken one incentive, the whole idea of which was to get people to do it right away; if we break that and have another termination date, isn't everybody going to be thinking, well that's not really a termination date, because they've broken one termination date. And so isn't this the crashing down of the wall actually. Because once you give the money to an additional group of school districts, then after that, how...what rationale would you possibly use to deny the same money to additional school districts? If there is a rationale in the committee's mind, I'd like to hear it.

SENATOR RAIKES: I take it you're talking about something other than this time we mean it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's...that's the idea.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. It's a good question, and Senator Vrtiska raised it before. There are basically two parts to the incentive here, if you will. One of them is to provide funding, and the other one is to provide...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...a deadline. You have funding, but you can only do it, you can only take advantage of this funding if you do it by such and such a date. And what you're suggesting is by extension you take away part of that incentive. And I think that's a fair point. On the other hand, Senator Coordsen presented evidence that there are a number of school systems that have taken advantage, in fact there seems to be an increasing number that are. So, if your overall objective is to achieve reorganization, it's hard for me to...to, I guess, buy the thought that you ought to...you ought to pull out the rug, if you will, because you have not accomplished it by that certain date.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would...would you be an advocate, Senator, of incentive payments for the consolidation of any and all