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amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendment FA947.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Part one of the committee amendments was adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the second component of the committee amendments, FA948, deals with the school state aid exclusion. (Legislative Journal pages 1103-1106.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open on the second part of the divided committee amendments, FA948.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, this provision is designed to work together with the provisions of LB 898, which we've advanced to Select File. If you recall, LB 898 is designed to reduce state aid to schools by \$22 million for the next school year, and there would be reductions again in the following two school years. I can't tell you the exact amount, but there would be some reduction in years two and three as well as the upcoming school year. The provision...this provision of the committee amendment would allow a school district to have a levy exclusion. Now this is not a change in the levy limits, but this is a levy exclusion, and there are exclusions for other things, for the amount of the differential between the state aid they would have received under the formula, as certified on February 1st, and the amount of aid that they will receive if LB 898 becomes law. Now, before you think that it affects all of the schools in the state of Nebraska, let me reassure you that it does not. So we're not going to, simply because of this provision, see a large generalized increase in levies for schools. We've had the...I think we've handed it out, we've handed out an analysis of what impacts of the LB 898 might be, and what...and which schools might benefit from the exclusion that is in the committee amendments. First of all I want to note for you that it is only a school that would be at \$1 of their levy that could ever be affected in any event. Any school that's below \$1 would not be affected by the exclusion. There