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saying that they are going to get aid. If we pass LB 898 they won't. I can't imagine that it isn't fair to give them the opportunity to make up for our sudden change of heart and mind, if not word.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Microphone malfunction) ...Senator Cudaback. Senator Wickersham, you seem to be the popular guy of the morning. I...looking...looking at the...at the handout, I'm having a hard time to...time in trying to...would you look at Southeast, for example.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I see that has zeros, which tells me what?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That they can grow their spending by 2.5 percent with a 3.5 percent growth in local property values, and would not be impinged by the reduction of state aid.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, they just had a...they just had an override vote down there that failed, which would tell me that they were a long way short of meeting their goal to provide the quality education they've been used to down there. So how does this affect them, based on this...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I...I don't know why they brought the override vote. But...just a minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, there's a couple other schools that are like that, but I just picked those out because they just...they just had an override last week and it failed by quite a bit. And I'm trying to figure out...they're going to lose money, based on the formula that we...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...or the bill we passed.