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Senator Landis, there you are, could you answer a question for me?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR ROBAK: You made reference to something about schools with 40 percent and 60 percent...

SENATOR LANDIS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...services of administration, or whatever.

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR ROBAK: Could you kind of lead me through that again? It kind of lost me for a while.

SENATOR LANDIS: Absolutely. Senator Hall indicates that 60 percent of the money from this amendment will go to private school parents; 40 percent will go to public school parents. I think the real demand for the bill comes from those private school parents. I think there's been a relatively deafening silence from the public school parents. I regard that as an investment that is not...that's borne to accomplish the other 60 percent's goal of the proponents.

SENATOR ROBAK: As simple as that. Simple as that?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah.

SENATOR ROBAK: (Laughter.) Well, anyway, I'm still kind of lost because I do support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, Madam President, and members of the body, I am rising in opposition to this amendment. I, like other senators have stated, am much more concerned about supporting quality educational environments anywhere and don't like to and don't have any interest in separating out whether they're private or public. And I also applaud what the private schools have contributed in terms of education of our young people and I recognize the terrible pressure that they're under with the issues of increased costs of education. But I am bothered by what we're trying to do here, for a couple of