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SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President (sic), members, I'd just like to say that...thank Ardyce for bringing this bill to us. And somebody asked me why I chose this as my priority bill, and I simply said, because I care, I simply said, because I care. And I think that tells it all. Somebody said, well, the districts...or the schools in my district, they probably won't need this, I mean they're in pretty good shape and the schools in my district are in pretty good shape. I said, but what does that matter? It's a statewide issue. And we're simply saying here if a district runs short, if it has a clerical mistake or something unforeseen happens to them, they have a hardship that they cannot deal with. It's one thing to close a school because of reasons, but then it's another reason to close a school maybe because of a mistake, because of a hardship that they have no absolute control over. And I think that's the key word here, it's unexpected. I think the key word here is events were unexpected. And we can all deal with this. We've heard the term "save for a rainy day" many, many, many times. I think you might relate this same bill to saving for a rainy day. If we spend all of our dollars and something happens, our old car breaks down on the Interstate, we know what we're going to have to do, we're going have to walk, or we're going to have to borrow money to fix it. Well, school districts can't always borrow the money. So we're simply saying here if school districts have a hardship, then they can draw from these funds. And they actually aren't new funds. I mean they actually aren't new funds. They're, as Senator Bohlke explained, they're funds that were not used. There's about 2.7 million there, and what better way could you use these funds than for a school district who unexpectedly or from a hardship run into trouble. And there's guidelines, the Commissioner of Education, he will control it. We also...and the Commission of Education shall report to the Education Committee and the Appropriations Committee and the Legislature and the Governor, on or before December 1st of each year. And that says something there. I mean it's not something that's going to be run through and everybody is going to be able to go grab these funds just for any little thing. There's guidelines, and there's definite guidelines. And so is it for Jim Cudaback? Is it for Senator Bohlke? No. It might be for you, I want you to hear that, it might be for your district, God forbid. But...so let's look at this hardship bill as a statewide issue, not for any one