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step toward consolidation and he opposes consolidation. Often new information is the first step toward a lot of things. A first step must be taken, but this study is designed to gather information and I don't see anything wrong with that. However, if adding this amendment would make the bill less objectionable, then I hope the amendment is not adopted. I don't want to see LB 1107...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...become law. We still have in place, even with Senator Raikes' amendment which mitigated the damage that I thought would come from Senator Wickersham's amendment, a set of circumstances where the Legislature is to be at least morally bound to behave in a certain way in the future, and I don't think that is wise. If decisions that the Legislature is going to take this session are to be based on the current state of the economy, then I would say there is less wisdom in this body, as a whole, than there was on the part of the prodigal son who left home and squandered everything that he had. We're supposed to be able to come together and collectively formulate a wise plan. Warren Buffet took a drubbing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That shows...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schrock, followed by Senators Stuhr, Chambers, and Wehrbein. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler, I commend you for bringing this issue before us and I would just like to point out to you that the small school districts in the state receive less state aid per pupil than the large school districts, which means to me that the ag land values in those...in those school districts are very high and they have a lot of valuation per student. And they don't have a lot of students but they have a lot of valuation, so the state aid per pupil like in the Lincoln School District is much higher than the state aid per pupil is in the smaller school districts in my legislative district. And so that's another thing we need