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many complains. Of course, no one likes to lose and that becomes the problem whenever you have the school aid formula, some win and some lose. So I would encourage him and the Education Committee to continue working on this. I doubt whether the solution is going to come this year but there's always possibilities. I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Aguilar, Janssen, Wickersham, Suttle, Stuhr and Bohlke. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I, too, want to encourage Senator Raikes with his efforts. I have probably as much difficulty as anybody does deciphering what's in those bills. But I think that the idea was right. I've always had difficulty with the formula set up that we provided with LB 806. I think this goes about making some corrections. One of the things I've had problems with was the highs and the lows that go on in that budgeting process for the schools. We've got to try to...we've got to try to even that out a little bit, and I think this was an effort to do that. If I look at the results on the printout, why it looks like my school districts did pretty well with this piece of legislation, and that isn't the reason I'm supporting it. But I just think that he's done an excellent job. I think he needs to refine it a little bit and bring us back something that we can all understand a little better and maybe on the way iron out some of the peaks and valleys that go with the current reporting formula that we report on. With that, I would encourage Senator Raikes to continue the effort. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Aguilar, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the body, I, too, would like to thank Senator Raikes for all the hard work he's put into this. I know it's occupied a lot of his time, but I'd also like to thank him for the bracket motion. It goes without saying, Grand Island is very concerned about what was happening in their...our area. We were, by far, taking the biggest hit of anyone and, quite frankly, had the people in