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up a little where Senator Suttle left off and that my original...I have supported, as did Senator Suttle, Senator Stuhr's idea that we need to address industrial education. Where we differed was at one point in committee it went to all schools. And so, as time evolved, recognizing that it should be as competitive grants, because the cost of running these programs, the machinery, the computers, the programming, is very expensive. But because...where I'm confused and I will support the Stuhr amendment, too, but I'm disappointed because the Governor and, Senator Quandahl, if you'll respond to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: You introduced a bill for the Governor doing, addressing this very same area and at that time were willing to support \$1 million per year. Is that correct?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That is correct.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And so now Senator Stuhr had already had a bill and her's grants, Senator Stuhr, you can shake your head yes, \$1.5 million for the initial grants. His was a million a year, would have been \$2 million, yours was \$1.5 for the grants. So it's hard to understand why the Governor was supportive of Senator Quandahl's \$2 million and yet is unwilling to fund Senator Stuhr's \$1.5 million?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I mean, if it's a priority and it was a priority to have it introduced, why now is it not a priority and that amount is stripped? And, Senator Quandahl, I don't know if you know the answer to that or not.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: It's, I guess I'm not sure if I know the exact answer to that, but there was a difference in the two bills. The one that I introduced included not only