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kids get up maybe and don't want to eat, but a little later they do want to. So, if the food is available at the school, at least they do get something into their tummies. And, as I know you've seen the statistics just as I have, that the children who eat breakfast, fewer go to the school nurse, fewer dropouts and fewer kids that just stay home. And you know that does happen, the kids just stay home and the parents maybe find out later that they didn't go to school, and also there is...that their grades are better because their minds are working. You look at yourself, and I know there's a lot of adults that say, well I can't eat when I get up in the morning. But you do need to have something to stimulate and to make you feel like life is worth living. I think a certain age of young people go out of the house without much to eat, but their metabolism has changed, but little ones do need it. And kids that are going to school and that don't have the help at home or their parents have to take them to school early, maybe for the before school thing, they need something to get them going. So I do support the program. Five cents a student or five cents a meal isn't a whole lot, and perhaps it will grow, but I guess we have to keep track of things like that and have the...work with the schools, and work with families and so on to be sure that everybody gets educated about this particular subject. So I haven't said a whole lot except that I guess I wanted to make my original point this is nothing new. People have always been trying to help kids get a good meal. And I don't understand...I understand that only certain schools, because of being equalized and so on, get this particular money. Maybe you can look at it later and be sure that others get the incentive. But there may be schools that don't even have a lunch program, so having a breakfast program might not work. So I hope maybe you...I hope you will support it, because I think it's not a huge amount of money, and I just think we ought to stand up and be counted today for the kids.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Lynch, on the advancement of LB 26.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? See five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on whether