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of money that was originally in the incentive bill. Because this is a transfer, we'll no longer need that. And so as senators...I thought I'd seen a couple of lights on...speak to this issue, we can sort that out, and be able to come back, I hope, and advance this, and give schools that hope that I said does spring eternal. With that, I give my remaining time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President. It appears that Senator Bohlke and Senator Wehrbein and some others have worked out a system here where we can move ahead. I just want to make the comment that this is an important piece of legislation for many of the districts. I know I have at least two in my district that are considering...one has already done it, and one...and a couple more are talking about unification. And part of their discussion, their rationale behind it, was the incentive money that was going to be furnished. And it was unfortunate then when they found out that...they had basically promised the taxpayers in that district that if they would go together they would in fact receive some incentive money, and then, only to find out that it was not going to happen was somewhat of a blow, and would in fact cause them to have to raise...to override the budget and raise local taxes. I think the interesting thing you have to understand, and I hope that everybody listens, when you go together with another district, there are a lot of things that happen that are unanticipated. And that was the purpose of having this Incentive Fund. For example, in the one instance that I'm aware of, the two different schools had different sets of books. And you obviously can't teach kids out of two different sets of books, in order to have any kind of an understanding of what's going on. So it necessitates that they in fact go out and buy a bunch of new books to put the kids all in the same...on the same level. Also, there's added increase in the travel expenses that they're incurring by traveling to the...expanding the size of the district. And there are a number of other things that happen when you unify or consolidate districts. And what this does is picks up some of that out-of-pocket costs that come up