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small communities viable, and it helps to keep educational...the educational process available to those students in these small communities. It's a thing we have to do. I think it's a thing that's...it keeps our entire educational programs viable in those small communities. I think it's...I sure am going to support that, and hope you will also. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, contrary to the way some people think on this floor, people do watch this televised session of debate, and so on. Sometimes it's difficult to follow, and lord knows, even difficult for us to follow at times on the floor here. And the people...they get misled at times. And this Hardship Fund, as we introduced it last year, it was a big concern of many schools, a big concern. Now, the one thing that bothers me here, there might be some of those people watching that was...that happened to be pushing that legislation last year, and that they don't quite understand what's going on here. I'd like to ask Senator Bohlke a question here, if I may, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, could I ask Senator Bohlke a question, please?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You remember last year, all the debate we had on this Hardship Fund, and so on. I'm afraid maybe some of those same people might be watching, as many of them do watch the program. I guess I want to assure them people, there are funds there currently, right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: There are funds there currently. This would still leave, I believe, about \$700,000 in the fund.