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creation of a brand-new Class VI. But I wouldn't rule out that that could happen.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And in order to facilitate those kinds of things, do you think it's important to reduce the vote to 55 percent, from 65 percent?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, it would make it somewhat easier. I don't know that it's critical. I think...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...Senator McDonald has pointed out that it is consistent with other requirements we have, in terms of a vote total, to move it to 55 percent. My main interest was in pointing out that the Class VI system, I think, has an advantage, presents an alternative in the direction of fewer districts, rather than creating additional districts. Okay. Well, thank you, Senator Beutler. And thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Beutler, your light is on. Do...and there are no others. You have the option of speaking or closing on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I'll close on the amendment. I think I've succeeded in expressing the possibilities of what might happen here. This, I can see, is a judgment thing. And if the Education Committee believes that it will be used in a positive way like this and not manipulated in a negative fashion, I guess I'm willing to go along with that and abide the results and the history of the...and our experience with the matter in the next few years. I sure hope that the public and the school systems are aware of how it's intended to be used, and that it will not be otherwise used. And with that, I'll withdraw the proposal, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey for a motion.