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So...and I don't know if they will or not. But it's a tough issue. Somebody said, well, it's an issue you just have to bite the bullet, and...bite the bullet and push green. With my luck, the bullet will be facing the wrong direction, and it might go off, with my luck. It's one of those issues that, you know, you're darned if you do and darned if you don't. I don't know what to do here. So I'm going to ask Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes has been getting a work over here, so I guess I'll talk to him. Senator Raikes, this is one of those times when you're glad you won for the Chair of the Education Committee. I know you are.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're doing a good job, by the way. But, Senator Raikes, if this passes, if LB 540 passes, is there anything that says that they will get...they might get less state aid, or could get less state aid? Or, what percent would you say the chances are of getting less state aid?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, are you talking about an individual school system, the state aid...?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm talking about any school system.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. I can give you roughly the statewide totals. If you're talking about TEEOSA funding only, what's normally called the state aid, as contrasted to special ed, I think the total this...in the year we're in right now, is about \$662 million. That would go down to, I believe, \$649 million in the next year, and then I believe maybe down to \$634 million. I might be off on that number. But actually it would decrease a little bit in each of the next two years. Now, keep in mind that that's the reason we're allowing schools additional budget...or additional levy authority, so that they would be able to be funded, even though the state contribution of funding is going down.

SENATOR CUDABACK: But we know where that comes from, you know. State aid will go down, but the increase the four cents, and that will come from the, you know, (inaudible)...