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SENATOR RAIKES:    Okay.  You're...

SENATOR CUDABACK:  ...property tax (inaudible)...

SENATOR RAIKES:    ...exactly right.  And that's the reason the committee decided to go with the reduced budget authority, because we don't want to have sort of wide open.  We don't want to make it overly restrictive either.  But we want to make more conservative any spending increases that schools could...would be allowed, which is going to reduce the requirement for state aid, but also hold down property tax requirements over what they would be if you didn't reduce that spending authority.

SENATOR CUDABACK:  Maybe you can't answer this question here.  But is there any way of knowing...is there any way of knowing what percent of the schools might go for that extra four cents if they can?  Or do you...would you have access to any of that?

SENATOR RAIKES:    It's a good question, Senator.  I can tell you that the...in the current fiscal year...well, last session, we passed LB 898, which gave schools the authority to make up lost state aid with it.  I think about half of the schools...is that right?  I think about half of the schools took advantage of that.  So if that's any guide, and it may not be, that's possibly something to go on.

SPEAKER BROMM:    One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK:  I guess there's only one answer, I guess.  And those will probably all be in my district, naturally, with my luck.  I guess we just have to take a chance here and bite the bullet, and hope the bullet is facing the right direction here.  That's all I know.  Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM:    Thank you, Senator Cudaback.  Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  I just want to make a few comments.  And I'm going to yield my time to Senator Raikes to continue the education of all of us.  I was one of the senators who was here and supported LB 1059.  And at that time,