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when I came to this legislative body, and that was increase state aid and decrease property taxes. But I don't know what else to do, outside of having your schools fall apart at the seams, or whatever takes place when they don't have enough revenue. I don't know what else to do. And I think this is probably the best plan we can come up with, considering the overwhelming problem that the Appropriations Committee has, and the Revenue Committee has. This is education's part. And let's face it, we're increasing property taxes, you take the four-cent levy increase, you take the levy exclusion, which is probably going to cost some people another two cents. This isn't just \$1.04. This is \$1.06 in some cases. And then you take the fact that we're going to put less state aid into the formula. It's going backwards. But I don't have any other solutions. That's why I voted for it out of committee. And hopefully this isn't a trend. But I'm not sure we're asking the education community to take enough cuts, but I can tell you this, I have six out of my 13 school districts have overridden the levy. So the \$1.04 levy is fairly meaningless in half of my district anyway. So I am voting for it. I value education. It's not what I want. It's not what I want to do. But nobody told us a year ago we were going to face these kind of problems either. So, it's property tax increase. I don't like that. I'd rather not vote for it. But we have to finance our schools. And considering the circumstances, I don't know what else to do. So count me a yes. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I also reluctantly support this. This was my first year on the Education Committee. And of course, in the budget cutting times, there are difficult decisions that we have to make. And we have to make decisions based on how it affects us, or how it affects our districts at home. And I know how important our small schools are to my district. And if there was the opportunity for them to fund their schools outside of the money that's given to them by the state, the state aid, they would do that rather than to close their schools. And if this gives them the opportunity to do that, then they need that opportunity. I