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know when they had the opportunity to do the supermajority to override their levy, not all of them did that. Those people on the school board, our people of the community, they have the ability to know what it's like back home, what the income is, and now it puts undue burden on their communities. And not all of them chose to override their levy. Those that had to did, reluctantly. But they knew the value of education in their small communities, and how important their schools are, and chose to do that. And so this at least gives them the opportunity to do that. So with that, I do support LB 540 and hope it passes. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Raikes, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on the committee amendments to LB 540, if you care to.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. And thank you for the discussion. I think it was thorough. I know you didn't get all your questions answered. But hopefully we did get some of them answered. We'll certainly be more than happy to try to discuss any aspects of this bill in more detail off the floor, as you wish. With that, I...I'm not going to try to say any more about it at this point, other than I hope you will adopt the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the closing on AM1287, which are the committee amendments to LB 540. The question before the body is, should those amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on adoption of the committee amendments to LB 540. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? The motion before the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 540. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is