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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...crocodile tears for these private schools, and I don't shed any for the public schools. Because when Omaha was messing over our children, and still are, but they came in here last year or the year before and told everybody they can get around me and get the right to raise some additional money, exceed some lids, and scoffed at me and said I couldn't stop them, and I stopped them, and Senator Raikes knows I stopped them, and I stood on the floor and said I'd stop them. Because I was concerned about children and my concern goes a lot deeper. It is the children, not the school. These people on this floor are concerned about these schools. You don't hear them stand up on this floor and talk about the plight of black children, as I will; the disproportionate representation of black children in these special education classes because they bring more money from the state; the fact that independent tests of these children, administered at the expense of their parents, shows that they should not be in special education, but they bring in that money.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Erdman. Senator Stuhr, on the Chambers amendment to LB 407.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Again, I stand in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment and the fact that, again, I want to make the point that this money is going to need...needy students, low-income students. It's going to the students and not the institution. These are federal grants, the Pell Grants. They actually have...it's my understanding that so much of this, of the money, has to go to a diversity of schools, some of it to private, some of it to the public, so we are actually, as a state, in jeopardy of losing some of the funds that would be going to our low-income students if we remove this provision. Another point that I wanted to make that I've already made is that we are looking at applications that have already been made for the 2003