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smaller schools, who, by the way, have provided a quality education for our kids that is not equaled by anybody. And you know, it disturbs me, because those are schools that I represent, by and large, in my district; schools that have provided a quality education, that are finding themselves now on the firing line as to whether they can continue to operate under our present system. I know some of you will say, well, if they can't raise their own money then that's their problem, but it's not their problem. They've been pushed into this situation by rules, by mandates that have been handed down to them that many of them would probably not be doing if they weren't required to do it, and that's unfortunate. But what we need to talk about is, how can we provide the quality education for the youths of this state that they're entitled to, that I think they're entitled to, and I think most of us here believe that they're entitled to? But some of them are not going to be able to get it, and that bothers me tremendously. Now, we'll get back to the discussion about the cuts. I'm sure we could cut our way out of this, and that would be fine. But when we do that, we're going to find that not only are the K-12 systems going to suffer, but many other institutions that we have been supporting and providing funding for over the years are going to suffer also. So what I'm looking at, from my little corner of the world, is how we can get through this situation. And I see the bill that Senator...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...Landis has brought forward as one way to get at least down the road on this whole issue. And at this point, until...and I do wish...I do think we should keep our options open. I think we need to determine in the final analysis...and we only got about, after today, about 15 days left to do that, but we need to figure out...to understand which is the best direction to go with this whole process to provide the kind of funds that this state needs to continue to operate. We need efficiency in government, I've said it before, and I think many of our institutions are becoming more efficient, simply because of our insistence, and that's not bad. But we still don't need to...continually, to decimate some of the systems that have been as efficient as they can probably be and