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child. Maybe \$40,000 worth of property behind this child over here; this district over here they've got \$800,000 of property behind that child. Now if you don't take those things into account and you send them both \$5,500,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...you're going to be in federal court and you're going to lose. And I had that idea eight years ago, let's send each district \$3,200 per child. I researched it. I found out federal courts are not going to accept that unless you can put each of those children in to the same kind of district that has other support to pay for their education. That's what the constitution is all about. It says that we give each child an equal opportunity for a decent education in laymen's terms, and if we don't do that we're not only not doing the right thing for the child, but we're going to be in trouble with any lawsuit that might be filed. So, I mean, I want to help make the tax system better. I want to do a lot of what you want to do. We need to find things that we can carve out that don't hurt people that can't help themselves, and that's a real challenge. The reason I supported things yesterday that I wouldn't otherwise support and I may not support in the final analysis is that I'm interested in keeping these base-broadening options, these options all available...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...until we get...we know what our final decisions are. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to continue with a little bit of the dialogue with Senator Landis, as he was discussing it with Senator Raikes just prior to Senator Bromm's comments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you respond?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: In your opening statements, you said that