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students, and it really sounded...that really sounds like the way we should go. Then I heard Senator Raikes say that it's right there. Then I got thinking about the weather that has occurred this past week. What if we have a...kind of a disaster? We...it's not enough for a bond issue, and we're...our hands are tied? And so I guess I have served...maybe somebody else, too, I've served at three levels. I've served as a teacher, as an administrator, and a school board member. And I think as a school board member...and I think that's where Senator Preister was come...I think that was a'ways our goal, as a school board member, was to see that the benefits of the child was number one. That was my goal for the 18 years that I served as a member of a board of education. And so I think maybe this...as I look at...listen to the talk on this amendment, it ties the hands of school boards. And I just cannot support it. And I would give the rest of my time to Senator Raikes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Raikes, you have a little over three minutes, and your light is next.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Hartnett and members. Let me mention again, I've done this several times, but Senator Bourne has mentioned several times that we're heavy in administrators in the state. He's used statistics which I have no reason to quarrel with. Why would you introduce an amendment that prohibits a school board from releasing administrators? It does not add up. You don't want to do this. Senator Beutler mentions, well, surely mainten...or supplies and so on, that goes with the course, are part of classroom expenses. It says right here they are not. So if...according to your interpretation, what about the new car for the superintendent? Indirectly, that helps students. So quickly you get to the point where this doesn't mean anything. This is not a good deal. This is not something we should do. Let me give you one other example. There is an instance in the state where a teachers group has asked for an 18 percent increase. You're on the board. What do you do? Do you give the 18 percent increase? Because you shall not reduce any classroom expenses, any certificated employees. So you go ahead and submit to the 18 percent increase, because this suggests you really don't have