second-year...and some second-year teachers that are being riffed right now. But that will happen when schools are trying to stay within their budget. Is it good for the school system? Probably not. Does it put a bigger load on other teachers? Probably does. One thing we have in this state...and I've always said that...is too many school districts. We have too many school districts. And that probably won't change until we run upon times...we're going into that right now,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...where we're going to see more consolidation throughout the state. Now, I know, Senator Jones and Senator Louden, it's pretty darn hard to consolidate where you're at right now. You've done that. You've done that already. But I'm talking about the eastern part of the state. There needs to be more consolidation here. For...several years ago, I introduced a bill to have one school district per county. That doesn't mean there will be one building in a county. That means one governing body within that county for all the schools. And you know, isn't it ironic we go back...look back, 50-60 years ago, when you had a county superintendent? That probably wasn't so dumb, was it? We just didn't go far enough. That superintendent should have been the head of all the schools in that county.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Schimek, on the Raikes amendment, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members. You know, this is starting to sound a little bit like it's a numbers game. And to some extent, it is a numbers game. We do have to find the right amount of cash to meet the demands of the budget bill that we're working on. But it is not just a numbers game. It is about people, and it is about students, and it is about our communities. I like what Senator Beutler talked about earlier. And I liked about what Senator Kruse talked about