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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, did you wish to use Senator Stuhr's remaining time?

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. And thank you, Senator Stuhr. I would just mention that...to remind you that for any of you that are interested in the specific impacts of this bill on school districts within your districts, we do have that information available. I think you all have it. But if it's gotten away from you and you'd like additional copies, why, we...just let us know, and we'll be happy to try to provide that to you. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I support returning this to Select File...I mean, back to Select File for this amendment. The thing is, we talk about raising the limits from \$1.04 to \$1.05, and everybody says, well, we're going to raise property taxes. Well, in some cases it might. But in all cases, that's not necessarily so. I think we're getting the attention of most of our constituents now, that a lot of these taxes that are increased on a local basis, they have control...their local school boards have that control. Their local school boards have that control. Their local county boards have that control. And that's where they should be spending their time, is, if the budget is too high in the school district or in the county, or wherever, they should be talking to those people that are in control on a local level, because that's where things should be done, rather than from here. So I think this is a very good alternative, what Senator Raikes has come up with. So I certainly do support returning to Select File for this particular amendment. And again, like I say, I don't think this is necessarily going to raise our property taxes. It doesn't have to, in most cases. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Louden on the motion to return.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I would...I don't know as I can support this amendment. There are some questions I have about it. And I'd like to ask