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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, did you wish to address?

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Actually, I pushed my light on earlier because I saw that there were some negotiations going on and I thought I would kind of talk and give some time to those folks negotiating. And it seems quite clear, looking at Senator Chambers' face and (laugh) Senator Foley's face, that those negotiations have indeed broken down. Here we are at 10 after 2:00 on Friday, the eighty-first day of the legislative session and what we're being asked to do is to continue the debate this afternoon for a Speaker priority bill. I supported this bill coming out of committee. It seemed to make sense to me. We always talk about mandates and how we should get rid of them and I do find it kind of interesting, especially when Senator Maxwell commented on the bill. He has kind of railed long and hard against mandates that we place on school districts, but this is the only mandate that I see that we came up with this year to get rid of on schools. But anyway, I did support this bill coming out of committee, but I'm struggling as to justify why this is more important than the other 20-some Speaker priority bills and the other, I don't know how many, individual senators' priority bills that are on the agenda that we've not discussed. And, again, I wasn't going to participate in the debate at all. I simply was going to kill some time, to be quite honest, while they could go on and negotiate, and obviously those have broken down. I don't know what I'm going to do here. I...you know, I wonder if this needs to be done this session. I don't know, but I guess that's my two cents. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Louden, on the motion to overrule. Senator Louden is not present. Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm going to support the Chair. I would point out, as a technical matter, that all the other parts of the bill are in Section 79. This is in Section 71, so it is in fact a different section of statute, and I think that's really the gist