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leaving that entrance date at October 15, but we are looking at the upper end where it will now require that children who reach six prior to January 1 will need to enter school on that current school year. I think that's the main gist of that amendment. What it does is just remove that early entrance date. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the opening on AM3056, which is an amendment to the committee amendments, AM2598, to LB 868. Open for discussion, Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes, on the Stuhr amendment, AM3056.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I commend Senator Stuhr on offering this amendment. I support it. This, I think, is definitely a compromise but it's a good compromise. It protects and preserves a considerable gain toward the goals she wanted to achieve. As she mentioned, it would lower or reduce the number of older kids in kindergarten, leaving the age, mandatory age regarding younger kids the same, both in terms of the age by which they have to be five and also the option period available to schools. So, again, I think this is a good compromise and one that does make progress. I would encourage your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Any further discussion on the Stuhr amendment? Senator Stuhr, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close if you care to. She waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is Stuhr amendment, AM3056, to the Education Committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the Stuhr amendment, AM3056, which is an amendment to the Education Committee amendments, AM2598, to LB 868. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Stuhr amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted. Nothing further on the committee amendments, anybody wishing to discuss the committee amendments? There are