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culture. And I think that's part of the problem of children not wanting to be there, is when the norm is they don't have to be.

SENATOR SMITH:      Okay.      Thank you, Senator Redfield. And, members, I just want to express my hesitation, and perhaps it's just me, but I think that we need to think what we're doing here and I'm concerned that we're not getting to the root of the problem.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Time.

SENATOR SMITH:      Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Smith.      Senator...no lights o. now. I'm sorry.      Senator Redfield, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR REDFIELD:    Thank you, Mr. President.      Members of the body, again, I want to thank you all for your patience.      We've had a long discussion.      Senator Smith is right.      We can't change the heart of a child.      We can only provide the opportunity.      But what we're doing with this bill is we are providing an opportunity to keep them in the place where they may take advantage of an excellent education.      Certainly, we are providing an opportunity for them to position themselves for future education.      As a high school dropout, that would no longer be their choice.      We are positioning them for a lifetime of higher earnings and a better lifestyle.      We are positioning them for a life of choice.      I think that in taking the choice away from the parents, and parents, I remind you, who have a legal responsibility of that child until the age of majority, which is 19.      By putting that into a joint decision, hopefully a very informed decision as they talk to the schools and look at the data that I'm hoping that the school boards will provide, that it will be an intelligent choice and a choice that will have good effects for their entire life.      Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Redfield.      You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 868.      The question before the body is, shall LB 868 be advanced to E & R Initial?      All in