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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Tyson, on the Wehrbein amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Again in the interest of full disclosure, I rise in opposition not just to the Wehrbein bill, or not just for the Wehrbein amendment, I'm sorry, but also in opposition to AM2792 and then to cap it all, LB 1093. If 77-3442 is allowed to go unamended, we go back to the dollar. If we do that, school boards can go to the populace for an override and they will do so reluctantly. Now there have been overrides very successful in the past. I would imagine there are going to be in the future, but it's a local decision. It's been a local decision in my district; and if people willingly said, no, raise my property taxes, I want to give them the opportunity to speak for themselves and not just obey the dictates of this body. People are always talking about local control and they just talk about that until all of a sudden local control means no. Then the music changes. I would point out that this K-12 school property taxes levy that was obligingly passed out by Senator Raikes comes to, since 1996, comes to a 62.1 percent increase. The difference between what was levied in 1996 and what was levied last year, \$324 million. If we do nothing, we will be forcing efficiencies on the school systems and let them pick out those inefficiencies that they wish to do away with. They still will have some school aid. They will not have what they had. But they have got an average of 7.1 percent increase per year every year on average since 1996. I would submit to this body that that is sufficient, and I urge you to vote against Senator Wehrbein's amendment, Senator...or the Education Committee amendment and the base bill and let the people decide this by overrides where they feel it's necessary. Mr. President, I would give the balance of my time to Senator Chambers...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have about...

SENATOR TYSON: ...if he'll take it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...Senator Chambers, you have about two minutes if you care to use it.