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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. FA1580 has not been adopted. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Wehrbein would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers (sic), you're recognized on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I said...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...the reason I did this, because I think we're forgetting about the kids, the students, those that need to be educated. We're sitting here talking all morning talking about taxes and taxes. And I agree that that's a serious problem. But the issue is, what all this is about, is trying to get adequate funding into our schools. And whether it comes from the state or whether it comes from local property taxes, it appears to me education for our kids is important. I think education for our kids is important. I think education for our children is important, and that's what this is about. We're talking about where it's coming from. But the bottom line is, what we're trying to do is to get across that the schools have adequate funding to do what they have to do. And we're sitting here talking about whether it's going to be coming from here or from there. And we have time to discuss that over the next week or whatever time frame it is. But the issue really is, we have got to educate our young people in this state, and that's what this is about. All we're simply saying, whether you go to \$1.07 or \$1.10, we say, this Legislature says, we're going to provide adequate resources to our local school districts so that they can educate our children, or your grandchildren. I had much higher hopes that this would go at \$1.07. You're not locked into life for the rest of the session even necessarily on it. But let's see what's going to develop. If the income tax gets legs, if the bonding gets legs--by the way, I'm...as I as said, I'm not very enthused about the bonding. But the point really is, we have to provide adequate resources out there. And if we don't let our school districts do it, then we're going to be on