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huge stumbling block and a huge amount of objection, and at one time when the Legislature even tried to pass something, as I recall it was...there was a referendum, and it was repealed, if I remember right. We have...I think we need to do this kind of thing that Senator Raikes is proposing, and if we can do it, I don't know of a better use, quite frankly, for something like lottery funds than this. And it's certainly not too soon to start this kind of incentive again, which we have let drop. I don't know if this would apply to a district that's trying to reorganize in Senator Dwite Pedersen's area and in my district, Waterloo and Valley. Waterloo has been...has tried to pass some ballot issues and they've been unsuccessful, and the alternative was we either do this or we have to consolidate, and they're going to have to consolidate. But something like this would make the process, I think, come more quickly and it would have better flavor in the eyes of the public. I don't see a downside to this. Somebody has to tell me there is a downside. This is very late in the session. It is taking money out of the lottery funds, but it's a darn good idea, in my opinion, and one that ought to be pursued. I'd like to ask Senator Raikes a question, if he would yield, Mr. President. Mr. President, if I could ask Senator Raikes a question. Senator Cudaback, if I could ask Senator Raikes a question. (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry.

SPEAKER BROMM: It's getting late in the session.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, in reading the amendment, I think...I think, just as an example, I'm trying to understand it, if one school has less than 390 and the other one has more than 390, and the combination, of course, results in more, do they get the incentive, or do both schools have to be below 390 to get the incentive?

SENATOR RAIKES: No, they wouldn't both have to be, Senator, but the one that was below 390 would. Well, you would pay the