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individual. I had given Erwin Rommel, the Desert Fox, credit for being a master military mind, and that was true. But because he was so effective, he was going through Africa, he moved his troops, his materiel so rapidly, and vanquished the enemy so thoroughly, and demoralized them, that he outran his source of supply. He ran out of fuel and ammunition. So had he been able to continue moving at that pace, no telling what the outcome, ultimately, of the war may have been. But the fact is he did run out of the supplies he needed. So a person who is leading cannot be so far in advance that he is disconnected, or she is disconnected, from the people who are to be led. When it comes to what we do as a Legislature, we understand to a greater extent than the public what the responsibilities of government in general are, and what the likely liabilities are going to be that will be faced by this one that we're a part of. So we cannot just wait for the public to give its blessing, to give its approval to what we do. We have to run the risk of alienating the public, making them angry, making them fall into a frame of mind where they say, every one of the rascals should be thrown out of office. That goes along with the kind of job that is to be done by a legislative body. And if we, when we first come here, don't understand that, we should develop an understanding and appreciation of that before too long. Then, in my view, we should decide to do what is in the best interest of the state. Some of my colleagues feel that we did not do that this session, because decisions that should have been taken now have been postponed. There are differences of opinion as to whether that is wise, disastrous, or just comme ci, comme ca, it could be one way, could be the other way, and whichever way it went it won't make...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...much difference. Senator Raikes has offered a sweetener to these school districts. That sweetener is going to be impacted by what you all do with LR 29CA (sic--LR 209CA). Senator McDonald voted for LR 29CA (sic--LR 209CA). Maybe she thought by doing that, if they take enough money from the lottery, there won't be anything in the sweetener and none of these schools will decide voluntarily to do something. But if that turns out to be the fact, then