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really bothers me is the fact that they were bickering 15 years ago and they're still bickering. The Class I's do not get along with the primary district. They're always fighting about something and they're always saying, my school is better than yours, and send your kids out here. Funk runs an ad in the newspaper, saying, send them out here because we have a better education. Never mind the fact they spend \$3,000 more per pupil. By the way, Funk is an incorporated village and that school will be protected, but they would no longer have their own administrator, which they could finally start working together. They'd still have their school; they'd have one administration. And you know what's bothered me? My parents graduated from Holdrege High School, I graduated from Holdrege High School, my sons graduated from Holdrege High School, and I think my grandkids will graduate from Holdrege High School. I don't like change, but I've never been able to run for the school board there and I've never been able to vote for school board members there. I think it's time that changes. And I think that board will take a very objective look if we pass this bill on what's going on in education in our county, and there has never been an overall objective look because you can't do it. You just can't do it. Not only do I have 7 school administrators in my county, I have 21...I have 35 school board members in my county, and they don't work together. If they were working together,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...if they were sharing administration, if they were...if they would quit bickering and try to solve the financial problems...I've got one north of Holdrege--this is the last year, thank goodness--and they're a good school, good people, but their cost per pupil this year is over \$20,000 per student. And Holdrege said, yes, we'll let you stay open another year, we'll approve your budget. Their cost per pupil is over \$20,000 per student and it's four miles north of Holdrege. I am going to reluctantly vote for this. I think it's time. My school is over ten miles from town. Senator Beutler, that may be the reason that Senator Raikes put that provision in. And I will also tell you that Funk is in my legislative district. It has a fairly nice school there, but