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Fiscal Analyst this morning about that fiscal note. She said, frankly, I just have more information now than I had at an earlier time. So thank you, Senator Raikes. I'll yield my time back to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have 30 seconds.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you. I'll just comment quickly on a couple of the other notes I've heard. I can understand...well, in fact, maybe what I should do is put my light on and try to respond further, as the discussion goes on. I'll stop here. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Janssen and others. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. As I listened to how some of these people talk about their Class I's and their different areas, what I would like to point out is that all Class I's aren't created equal. Some of them are part of a Class VI district, and those of us that are in Class I districts with a Class VI, we get to vote on the high school board of directors and have a part in the operation of the high school district that we're a part of. And in the western part of the state there's many of these schools. If you'll notice in this handout that Senator Raikes put out, and he goes to this Table 6 (sic), and some of the schools there, your Valentine, your Gordon Junior High, your Rushville, your Oshkosh, these are all schools that are all Class VI district with your Class I's affiliated in there. Several years ago, when we were trying to consolidate schools, at one time the only way you could consolidate a school was to join a K-12, and somewhere back there in the eighties or so, why, in one of the Legislature's weaker moments, they allowed Class VIs to be formed, and of course at that time there were many Class VIs formed out there in the western end of the state and they've worked quite well ever since then. What you're trying to do now with LB 126 is plum wreck those, and you're using some of the statistics from your Class I's that are affiliated with Class III districts in some of the other areas. I think it was mentioned that you had several administrators in one county and