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your page 8 down there, Boiling Springs Public School, that's a little school in there north of Smith Lake. They have two students and they've opted them in someplace. They...their money is being budgeted and finished and out. They're probably finished paying for their schoolhouse that they worked on here a few years back, and that school will be closed and be one more of them gone off of there. So there's some of these schools that are, when they're put on the list here that are probably out of business, they've probably got some payments to finish up on their operations, and as time goes on they will be out of...be extinct. I think we need to consider how we're doing this thing. Than rather create all these schools so that we think they're all equal and treat them all alike,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...I think we should need to overlook it. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, this is probably one of the most controversial bills we'll hear this year, and there's a lot of sentiment. People don't like to see a change. Yeah, I really don't have a dog in this fight. I have one Class I school in my district. There used to be, oh, I don't know how many, several, several of I went to a Class I school till I was in the 5th grade. My sister was four years older and she went into high school in a town close by. My dad said, I'm not having one kid go one place and one the other; you're going to town school. thought my world was going to end. I could just see those big bullies in the town school. Well, it took about three days and a couple of bloody noses and then our ground was marked out and the line was drawn in the sand and got along just fine. We have something before us today that I know, I know the feelings of some of my colleagues. You don't like to lose that identity. I have the one Class I that I have left in my district. The cost per...there are 11 opting out of that district, 3 opting in; the fall membership was 4, next year it will be 1; and the cost per