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Class I schools a long time ago. Was that done voluntarily or mandatorily?

SENATOR BAKER: I think it was voluntary. I said...like I said, this was before my time even attending school. I...the ones I recall were in the southern part of the Hitchcock County, that merged with the Trenton district in the mid-sixties. And I don't remember much discussion about it, to be honest with you. I was in high school at the time. But I think it was all pretty much voluntary.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. I was wondering if Senator Stuhr would yield to a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Stuhr. And I'm trying to keep a smile on my face, and I do have one on my face, and for good reasons. You mentioned earlier that paving of roads should be a factor in consideration of whether or not to keep a Class I school open. Is that accurate, in my understanding?

SENATOR STUHR: I believe, Senator Smith, the point I was trying to make, that times change. And in earlier days, most of our roads were dirt or gravel, and today, I would say, probably the majority...although I live on a gravel road, but some...I mean, the road conditions have improved. They're no longer dirt. They probably are graveled or paved. So that was the point I was trying to make.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. And I appreciate that, and I guess I misunderstood your point there, so point well taken. But the fact is, even in Scotts Bluff County there are Class I schools that only have gravel road. I don't draw much distinction between a dirt road and a gravel road. But there are schools out there that have only gravel roads to them. And there is the fact that I...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.