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over, Senator, I'll yield it back to you. How's that? Let me respond quickly, if I can, to a couple of points that have been made. First, Senator Smith--and I think he's over there--he made comments about getting rid of Class I schools. Keep in mind, we're just talking about the school boards; we're not talking about the attendance center. I understand the concern of Senator Smith. I think he has long stood for fiscal conservatism, he has long stood for taxation only with representation. And now he is forced, with his opposition to LB 126, to stand for the opposite, to stand for a more expensive system, and to stand for a system in which you've got a subgroup of taxpayers that are allowed to have a veto power over the broader group. I think I inspired his light to go back on. And also, I would say he has felt the need to bring in a somewhat irrelevant issue, I believe, that of what Lincoln Public Schools and Papillion did on high school buildings. And one spent more and one spent less, and the voters in the respective districts made that decision. I think, at least in the case of high school, the buildings are all full. It doesn't look like an unwise decision to me. One of them decided to spend more for the building; the other one decided to spend less. I notice Senator Smith has a much nicer car than I do. It probably is a good decision; he will spend less money fixing it up than I will mine. I think that's fine. Senator Hudkins talked about...first off, Senator, I apologize for anything my family had to do with forcing you into detasseling. That is the worst job for the lowest pay in the United States, as far as I'm concerned. You mentioned Class I graduation rates. I would like to know how you define that. You've got people leaving Class I's all the way from 1st grade, as I did, on through 8th grade. I'm not sure how you even define one. The other thing, she mentioned the situation with the Class I school district here north of town. The fact is, that's fully affiliated with a K-12 that I believe Senator Hudkins, at one point in her career, served on the school board. If that Class I would be closed, first point, there is absolutely no more state aid that flows to that system. The state aid is already going there. That system gets not another dollar in property tax authority because they have to keep that Class I open. Now, if the board got together and decided, look, we're spending \$150,000 for six kids, six resident kids, which we need