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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Smith. And this is your third time, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to LB 126. And I want to know more about the quality issue. And if Senator Raikes would yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, what did...I misunderstood you.

SENATOR SMITH: If Senator Raikes would yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Raikes, should documented quality be trumped by district size or enrollment?

SENATOR RAIKES: Documented quality.

SENATOR SMITH: If I could prove to you that quality across Class I's was higher than that of their affiliated districts,...

SENATOR RAIKES: No,...

SENATOR SMITH: ...should we proceed?

SENATOR RAIKES: ...what I would say is that if you can make that point to your local K-12 school board, then I think you should be allowed to and would be allowed to.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. If I live in a Class I school district and I want to make that case to my local school board, they would no longer have any say, under LB 126.

SENATOR RAIKES: But you...

SENATOR SMITH: Those who know the situation best.

SENATOR RAIKES: But your K-12 board would. And the K-12 board