

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 11, 2005 LB 126, 634

SENATOR RAIKES: Yeah. They would...yeah, they would have, I guess, the same input as any other citizens.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Louden, followed by Senators Fischer, McDonald, Heidemann, Beutler, Raikes, Hudkins, Baker, and Smith. Senator Louden, on the Hudkins amendment.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I certainly rise to support this, I'd call it a bracketing bill, I guess. It's just kind of a long ways out there to bracket it. There's several things with this bill that I question that I think is between last...a year ago when they had meetings out through the different parts of the state. I think the testimony that came in to those three meetings that were...one was held in Wahoo, one was held in Broken Bow, one was held in Mullen, and it was usually about 95 to 1 against this type of bill, closing these or assimilating these Class I school districts. But nonetheless, whatever the thinking was, they went ahead and plowed through it with it anyway, and I don't know as it's all that well thought out. As we get into the bill and start looking through it, I've noticed on page 47 there, line 8 in through there, there's some wording through there that tells about how the Class II and III students are going to be allowed to get mileage if they attend schools in a Class II or III district, high school students. But then here somewhere along the line comes LB 634, came out through the tube, and basically what LB 634 does is take all the language back out of LB 126. So when we're talking about LB 126, we also have to consider what's happening with LB 634. So then my next question is, I happen to find LB 634, what other bills do we have out there that's kind of lurking or that's pumping out from this LB 126? I think the whole system has been pushed forwards faster than what is necessary. I don't think there's any way of showing where any...there's going to be any savings in it. As Senator Hudkins, with some of her handouts, has shown that these