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one I'm referring to is a K-12 endorsement and her secondary endorsement is in science. So she's very flexible. survived. The other half of the equation did not. My sister was riffed in the new system. So we've been through it. It worked. And I can tell you, we would not go back and be where we were five years ago. What we've done is created some efficiencies and have a better school system than we did before. As far as what Senator Raikes was referring to on his handout over here, I think it's unconscionable that we can do this. We...and he's referring to the top sheet dealing with Lexington Public Schools, and as I did find out, I do have a Class I in Dawson...some Class I's in Dawson County that I do represent in District 44. Valuation per member at the top, lists there District 15 in Dawson County is \$3.297 million per student valuation; Lexington Public Schools, \$133,000. Folks, if we do nothing, we could be in trouble here just on the disparity between valuation per students here. The costs, you talk about costs. Senator Hudkins was describing costs involved. I can go back to the districts that I am familiar with in my district, those being District 8 in Red Willow County. The Fitch Public School District has 18...no, I'm sorry, 33 students, fall membership, with a budget of \$178,000. Granted, the per-pupil cost is fairly low, but those could be assimilated into the current public school system there in Red Willow County at no additional cost. I've been assured of that, no additional cost. There might be a busing issue there. I don't know. It looks to me like most of the students, or half the student body, is opting out to the Class I, so they're starting in, I'm assuming, in the McCook area anyway. The other district I have is District 41, north McCook, \$158,708 for 13 students, and they would fit into the category of the Lexington, Dawson County I've been told that most of those 13 students are issue. Hispanic students, and it fits very similar into what Senator Raikes was talking about with the Lexington and the Dawson County Class I's. So there's some tremendous disparity, is my point here. We can solve this disparity problem by assimilating these students into the affiliated high school district. I guess Senator Fischer wanted a minute of my time to try and add something to debate. I'm going to do this probably against my better judgment but if you have any time left, why you can yield it back to me. I'm doing this for Senator Fischer for a minute