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SENATOR SMITH: Senator Raikes, on page 45 of the green copy, subsection (3), it talks about the temporary relocation of some or all of the students to an alternate elementary attendance center for a period of two years shall not constitute the closing of an elementary attendance center or a change in the grades offered at such elementary attendance center. So the temporary relocation for two years, two years being temporary, what's the rationale behind that language?

SENATOR RAIKES: This applies to all elementary attendance centers in the state. This is not just Class I's. Class I's are not being singled out. So that if you have a building, either a Class I building or another building that is being remodeled or worked on, then this deals with that issue.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, as an example?

SENATOR RAIKES: I think Senator Engel mentioned a Class I building in his district. Suppose that there were another tornado that came through or something like that, such that you still had the school in operation but the building were damaged or destroyed so that the students would have to go someplace else, but as soon as the building were restored, they would come back there.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And so this is a safeguard to keep that attendance open?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yeah. It's a...yeah, it's an indication that this is the...you know, because of an incident like this, a school building should not be regarded as out of operation, the school per se.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Uh-huh.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. On with