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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry about that. Senator Janssen.

Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the SENATOR JANSSEN: Legislature, the debate goes on and it goes on. And, as I've said before, I really don't have a dog in this fight. district doesn't have any Class I schools. We have one, it's closing. They've finally seen the light. By the "light," I mean this Class I school sat within earshot from the Fremont Public School system. They're down to one student, one student. does that makes sense? I don't think it does. I think everyone, everyone in this state, every child in this state should be able to go to a Class I school, everyone, everyone from Senator Chambers' district, Senator Synowiecki's district, if you want to make that fair, to get that individual good education. In my district, I think we have a very fine We don't have the one-room school, but we education system. have very good elementary schools, very good ones. If someone is too far away from the elementary school, they're bussed. We make sure that those kids get to those schools. accredited, fine schools, but we have one system, one system. We don't have three or four school boards that have elementary And let me tell you something. That was hard to get. That was hard for some people to swallow when that happened, but it happened. I can't see us trying to hold the line when Hawaii, the state of Hawaii, has one school system, one. I believe it's the state of West Virginia has a countywide system. One on one is pretty darn good, but can we afford to do that? All right, now, in Senator Can we afford to keep these? Fischer's district there is going to be...there is a need there to have a remote location, I'll call them remote locations, because of the distance that those kids would have to travel. There is a need to have those attendance centers there. Is there a need to have another layer of government? I don't think so, in my opinion. So I am supporting LB 126 as it is. you, Mr. President and members of the body.