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SENATOR RAIKES: ...be in accordance with the students' needs and recognizing poverty, and English language learners, and certainly not race. As I have mentioned, I would be adamantly opposed to including a race factor in the aid formula.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Raikes. And, Senator Raikes, earlier, you know, described the opposition to LB 126 as a bunch of fiscal conservatives, apparently with a narrow mind. And I have to say, Senator Raikes, that...am I a fiscal conservative? Yes. And I see Class I schools as a more efficient operation, not only fiscally, but when you look at quality education. I know you'll disagree. As a resident of Lincoln Public Schools, I wouldn't expect any different. I have to say that there are many more issues of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...efficiency in Class I schools. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. The speaking order is Senator Louden, McDonald, Fischer, Beutler, Chambers, Stuhr, Aguilar, Flood, Erdman, Baker, and five others. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I would like to wish you all a happy Valentine's Day and also I would like to thank Senator Fischer and the city of Valentine for the nice cup that they was delivered to my desk. I think it's very nice. And, of course, Valentine, as we know, is in the...is the heart of Nebraska. I been listening to this discussion on Lexington and Schuyler and when you look at the numbers that Senator Raikes put out the other day with this one little circular, it was a spreadsheet across there and it named six Dawson County Class I districts that are affiliated with Lexington Public Schools. And using the math that he's put forward here, the assessed valuation...and I presume they all have \$1.05 mill levy because it seems like they were at the top of their levy, it seemed to be the problem over in that part in Dawson County. So when you take that across there and figure that up, the amount of valuation that comes out of these Class I schools, and then you