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increase our cost of education. I think there are other ways that we can solve education problems besides beating the Class VI and the affiliated Class I schools. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Loudon. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Raikes and others.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I affirm the lengthy and seeking discussion, curious discussion, that we've had here. This is a very important subject that deals with some deep and long-held thoughts, feelings, convictions of many of us. And it's appropriate that we spend this kind of time on it. I appreciate the quality of the discussion. I find myself to continue to be supportive of the bill. There has been quite a bit of discussion about finances, and whether this would help or hurt the state. To me, that's a nonissue. It really has nothing to do with the subject at hand. We have to focus on the larger question. A larger question, of course, is the question of racism. We have to deal with that in a variety of ways, and we always have to be conscious of it. However, I don't see that the argument is really effective in addressing the subject. The question is whether those who might be aiding racism or separation of races are talking with each other and making a decision together. And they really aren't affecting each other. That's what's disturbing to me. No one is in charge here. It seems to me this...any of these groups--and certainly there's no judgment upon them as they try to make their own decision within their small group--but they need to be talking to each other. The main thing that I see within this is that every parent in the state should have a right to run for the school board that controls and guides their kids in high school. Every parent in the state should have a right to vote for those persons. We need to get those decisions made on a basis where we don't have to worry about future decisions. I trust the local control when the locals have a chance to be in a broad-based approach to what they are doing. And I support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Raikes, on the McDonald amendment to LB 126.