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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Louden and Speaker Brashear. You have accurately captured my main thrust in this proposal, and that is moving to a K-12 organization. The various amendments you talked about are absolutely, I think, within the range of our efforts. We will work very, very hard to accommodate those and, as I understand them, I believe we can be successful. And the only other thing I would say is thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for your efforts. They have been invaluable.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Brashear, you have about a minute and a half.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you. At this point in the process, certainly I stand, am available to be questioned by anybody in the queue who would like to raise any question, want to challenge anything. If you are willing to participate in this accommodation, which I believe is in the best traditions of the legislative body, if you're willing to participate, I would also ask you to, and don't feel inclined to speak to it, I'd ask you to turn off your light. Because the object of the whole exercise is we've all been...considered what's gone on; it's time to advance this bill. Let us do this work off the floor and let us proceed with the people's business. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Louden, did you wish to use your minute?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Mr. President. As Senator Brashear has pointed out, there's been some negotiation, there's been some work done on this thing. I think we're probably working in a manner that we can reach an agreement on. My understanding is if it moves to the next level, that it will be there until we agree upon some of this...some of the stipulations of it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I would yield the time to Senator Smith.