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betterment of our children in this state. We are trying to protect the rights of at least 8,000 Class I schools...school students, and if we can come to an agreement to take some of the more onerous parts of the bill out, we are more than willing to do that. So, with Senator Raikes' cooperation and whoever is on his side, and the rest of us and those who are supporting our side, I think that we can come to some sort of agreement. It's called compromise, and a compromise is something that happens where neither side really likes it, but it's something that they can live with, and that's what we're trying to do, is find something that everyone can live with. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to thank everyone that has worked so hard on this bill. I'd like to thank Senator Brashear. He has come...brought this body together, as a Speaker should, and I think that he has...he's gone well beyond what we expect from our Speaker, and I'm excited about that. I think that's good for the body because compromise is what it's all about. Many senators, when they first come to this floor, don't realize that we don't go anywhere without compromise. There are many bills that are on the floor that are very controversial, and education is always a controversial issue. But when we can come together, both sides agreeing and not agreeing, but coming out of here with one intent, and that is to make Nebraska a better place, we all benefit from that. And I also want to send a thank you to Senator Raikes for being there with all of our answers to all of our questions. I think he did a great job and commend him for being willing to compromise the issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Heidemann. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I wanted one more say with this. I'm not for sure if I'm comfortable with what's about to happen. I know we need to keep moving, as a body. I think there's some very serious issues we need to