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importance to our future. We have been informed...and in no particular order. You know, in politics you try never to start listing names for fear you'll leave somebody out and offend them. But just what we've heard, front to back, or reverse order, or whatever else, we've heard from the Retirement Committee Chair, we've heard from the Appropriations Chair, we've heard from the Revenue Chair. Senator Bourne has been periodically advocating the idea. We have heard people say they weren't certain. We've heard people say they want to think about it. And I guess that's when I became motivated to speak once, to make the point, we're on Select File. What I love about this place is the process. We don't always have to make an up or down decision until the last time. And Final Reading doesn't always have to be a dull, boring exercise--and isn't always--in which we bring bills back...or which we don't bring any bills back and we don't have any debate. And based on all the thoughtful...I heard Senator Kopplin. Based on all the good thoughts I heard this morning, I said to myself, well, I've made up my mind; I'm voting for the Bourne amendment. And I'll revisit this subject and continue to process it and think about it, and we can decide this on Final Reading. That's what Final Reading is all about. That's why we go through it three times. Everything isn't an up and down, and nothing is forever. So I just wanted to use it as a moment. Because it is a great debate. You can listen when you're off the floor, you can listen while your TV is talking to you and you are doing something else. And this has really been informational. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. There are no further...I'm sorry, Senator Stuhr, your light came on. You're recognized to speak.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I believe that I concur with Senator Raikes, when we are looking at...we keep throwing the figure out of \$15 million. But we are talking about the cost to schools of about \$7.5 million, which is a very small amount in the total overall picture. As I shared with you before, we are looking at, for the employer's cost, .74 percent increase for 2005-2006; and '06 and '07, a .59 percent increase. I am going to oppose this