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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did we put any guidelines in that bill creating the task force relative to the kind of things that the task force will look at?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, there are. There's both a list of participants and also a list of issues to address.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would, among those issues that are to be addressed, be found information...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the kind that I'm seeking here that would tell us what has been accomplished by the program as it exists now and what is envisioned to be accomplished if we continue it?

SENATOR RAIKES: I don't know that it specifically requests that, but it seems like a reasonable thing to put in a report and I would...I would be in favor of doing so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Mr. President, that's all that I will have to say.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on advancement of LB 689A? Seeing nobody wishing to speak to the advancement, Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I appreciate the discussion that we have had on this issue and I think it will be foremost in our minds when this report is brought back to the entire Legislature next session, and what we are striving for and the committee or the task force will continually look at ways of updating and expanding our technology to provide better distant education opportunities for all of our students across the state. And that includes not only the smaller, middle-sized schools, but also the urban schools. So this is one issue that...and I thank you that hopefully this A bill then will provide for the funding for that