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are you willing to raise state level taxes enough so that we could fully fund the formula from state coffers, or are you willing to underfund community colleges and thereby jeopardize their ability to provide the important service they do provide, namely, of educating an increasing number of students in the state and contributing, mightily, I would argue, to economic development in the state? When you weigh all that out, to me, this is a reasonable proposal, both parts of it are, and I think we should move forward with it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. As I listened to the dialogue this afternoon and the discussion on your community colleges, I'm not that familiar with Northeast, nor do I know if they have a campus or how they operate their system. I don't know if they're working in conjunction with Wayne College or how they operate. I'm more familiar with the ones in my area, in the Western. And when you talk about the levies, if you notice on this calculated maximum and actual tax that Senator Raikes passed around, and when you go to the 2004-2005, why, it's a 9-cent mill levy down there, is what it is, instead of the 7 from up above. It's raised 2 cents last year, which all went onto property tax. And, of course, in the rural areas, property tax is something that's eating our lunch at the present time. Not that I'm against community colleges. I think we have a very good one out west. There's some problems I have with it. I think community colleges have lost the intent that they were originally designed to do, and that was for local youngsters and students to get an education closer to home and do it in a more economical manner. At the present time, we have a lot of community colleges that were recruiting basketball players out of state and sometimes in other nations out of...clear out of the country, so I think some of this part has to be reevaluated. Whether Northeast does anything like that and would make a difference on their budgeting authority, I don't know. One thing, I was wondering if Senator Engel would yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, would you yield to a question