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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Raikes, I don't know whether you were listening or not to what I was saying about LB 775 recipients. Is that correct, the statement I made about the...if that school district is an equalized district then the state comes back and refunds that property tax to that school district?

SENATOR RAIKES: I believe that is correct, Senator. If there's...if it's an equalized district and there's a reduction in property tax receipts, then it's made up by aid which comes from the state.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Thank you. Then I was correct. But I look at some of the young people that are going to that community college, you know, and if they are paying a higher tuition rate than, say, Southeast Community College or any of the other ones, and they're in that...and that is in their location, you know, I think that's an unfair situation also. So you're going to have to kind of equalize both ends out here, but I wanted you to realize what is happening with those recipients. And I'm sure there are...there are others in the Sioux City or South Sioux City area that are getting some LB 775 dollars. With that, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Connealy, if he'd like to have it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Members, I just, once again, think that this is a solution that is not very palatable, that no one wants to do this, but it has to happen. We have to bring equity to this. We have to be able to have the same opportunity across the state, and I'd urge your support of this amendment and then on the underlying bill itself.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy, Senator Janssen. Senator Burling.