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decide that on the first round of debate, but I am going to be watching for it, and I think we do need to fund that with sales and income tax dollars, to the extent that we may have to hurt something else, because this is something that needs to be done. And I can't remember, unless it's just identification of students now with special needs, I know it's better than it used to be, but there's a lot more of it and I think we need to fund it from this source to help relieve the property tax burden. Thank you. With that, I'd give the rest of my time back to Senator Raikes if he'd like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, if you'd care to use it, 1, 50.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and thank you, Senator Janssen. I would just emphasize again what Senator Pederson has said, is that this turns out to be a pay me now or pay me later issue. This is...and that's again emphasizing the budgetary advantage of this, that's something that we obviously need to consider. I have...I started to mention, too, I guess, that there are a number of good programs that are going to be suggested to you or to us...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...in terms of the budget. If you categorize or try to separate out those that are in that very narrow area of which the state has the obligation, there can't be any question, the state has an obligation. This is not an extra or a frill or anything like this. This is something that is absolutely required. That, I think, characterizes this particular program and the need for this particular funding, so I would urge you to keep that in mind. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes and Senator Janssen. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Flood.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I was just affirmed that within the committee we examined this fairly carefully and clearly recognize that it is pay me now or pay me later. I would like to raise a question with Senator Raikes if