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that concerned me was about what we're to do fiscally. We're...we've been told we're going to save money, but how much money we're not for sure. I really believe, what we've been told, I don't think we're going to realize that. One of the things that I wanted to make sure that everybody realized though--and I handed this out, and I think this is very important to look at--out of the 231 Class I schools that we are about to shut...and the deal has been done, it's struck, it seems like it's a done deal. And the one thing that I'd like to comment is, feels like Class I's are on...received the death penalty, this is execution day, and we're about to get the last supper here with AM1672. That's what I feel. I don't know if I'm going to partake or not, but that's what it seems like is going on. But back to...they're called a REAP fund...REAP money. But it's really actually the SRA (sic) program--Small Rural Schools Achievement. A hundred and twenty-three schools out of the two hundred and thirty-one schools, the Class I's, received \$2,317,000. And the way they receive this, the federal government looks at...it's called LEAs, and it's pretty much the school districts. We are going to wipe out those school districts. And when we wipe out those school districts, we are going to take this 200...\$2,317,000 and we are going to go (rips paper) like that. And as someone who sits on Appropriations Committee, we look time and time and very hard to make sure that we get as much federal funds as possible. And now we want to do (rips paper) this. In the handout that we got that explains LB 126, there is--and Senator Raikes has explained this--there are five schools that we want to compensate. And I would like to ask Senator Raikes some questions, if he would yield to me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, are you available?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, he is.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Where did this come from that we want to do this?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator,...