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problem. I hope that the members will remember that, because in the future that may come back to haunt them on future legislation, where we say, maybe in this area something has to be fixed, and so we will sacrifice the rest of the state in order to solve that. I am sorry that this bill is going to pass. I will be voting against it. And I thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I haven't been engaged in any of the conversation, and I really didn't want to get into the discussion very much, because it realistically doesn't affect my community. But there was some conversation several days ago that I listened very close to, and it really touched my heart. And those were the comments from Senator Stuhr, when she said she doesn't have any Class I schools in her district. They have taken care of it. You know, they...for 15 years, or during the last 15 years, all of the Class I schools have closed and went into other class school districts. Did the state have anything to do with that? No, absolutely not. Is it good that they did...that they combined with other schools? Yes, but they weren't forced into it. They were not forced into it. They did it on their own. They were happy when they did it. And I think this is the thing. We are seeing every year a lot of Class I schools closing and joining with other school districts. Is it going to continue to happen? Yes. Do we have to tell them and dictate to them what they have to do? No, I don't think so. The process is falling into place. One size don't fit all. So let's keep that in mind. Things are happening already. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Brown. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the advancement of LB 126? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the advancement of LB 126. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.