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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Raikes. On with discussion. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Heidemann.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would...may I ask Senator Raikes some questions, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you may, if you he'll respond. Senator Raikes, would you respond?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Raikes, it is my understanding that there's a lot of these school districts, especially Class I's, that receive this REAP money. Now, under the system the way you're describing it, would they still be entitled to REAP money, some of these Class I districts that are scattered all out through the western part of Nebraska?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, the Class I's would not, because under LB 126 there are no separate Class I districts. The K-12s that they become a part of, a great many of those K-12 districts would be eligible for REAP funds. Now, not to hide anything here, the amount of money per school district is \$20,000 maximum for 50 students. If you go down from 50 students, there's no reduction in the \$20,000, less other grants. If you go up from 50 students to as high as 600, there's a \$100 addition for each student, each ADM.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, well, my...

SENATOR RAIKES: But there would be...there would be many K-12 systems in Nebraska that would and in fact do now qualify for REAP grants.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, when you have your list of schools here, like Valentine, I mean, there's a lot of country west of Valentine there that those school districts had qualified for a REAP fund. I'm sure of that. And how come they're not included in the list to be eligible to receive some of the \$650,000?