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reach agreement. How we did this, what I was trying yesterday is get the schools to go back to what they would normally receive under REAP. What we agreed on was that a percentage from what they would have got, to make sure they didn't receive more than they normally would, this ending up to be 25 percent less than what we had give them. So what we did, we took 25 percent less of the \$650,000, and that was approximately the \$450,000, which is what I am offering you right now. It's maybe not exactly where I would like to be at. But like I said, we reached a compromise. I'm not going to talk a lot about this. We learned yesterday more about the REAP program than we probably would like. But I ask your support on this. It is a compromise. And I advance...ask for a yea vote on my amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Heidemann. You've heard the opening on AM1719. Open for discussion. Senator Raikes, followed by Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Heidemann was quite correct in describing that we had a conversation yesterday in which we talked about REAP funding, and the replacement REAP funding, which is really what we're talking about. I appreciate his interest in this. He has gone into it in great depth, and I think he's trying to come up with the...with a solution, if you will, that is..that he is comfortable with. And I have absolutely no problem with that. I will tell you this, that my position is that I have agreed to support the request as it is, and I continue to do that. I think it is appropriate at the \$650,000, so that's what I'm going to support. And I won't vote for this amendment. I would urge you to listen to the conversation. I think those...there are folks in here who know well the schools that would be impacted, and I think they can present the case perhaps better than I can as to the need for this funding. And hopefully, once we...once you hear that information, you can come to a conclusion. But again, I am going to stick with the agreement that I made, in the sense of, this is money that accommodates the transition. These are schools that would lose REAP money altogether. And so, for the three-year period, my recommendation is that \$650,000 be the amount appropriated.