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Now, I will remind you that the \$650,000, as we discussed yesterday, is a cap. If the Appropriations Committee recommended to the Legislature, and the Legislature agreed, that something less than \$650,000 would be appropriate, that is well within play, if you will, even if this amendment is not adopted. But again, I do very much appreciate Senator Heidemann's interest in this issue and his willingness to examine the amounts of money. Again, I...my position is that I'm going to stick with the agreement I made with the folks involved, so I won't support the amendment. But I do urge you to listen to the conversation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Further discussion on the Heidemann amendment. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. When we talked about this the other day, we were discussing the fact, the \$650,000 was sort of an estimate. It was a cap on what it would be. And I'm certain that Senator Raikes is staying with that because of the various agreements that have been made leading to LB 126. But as far as I'm concerned, speaking in my position as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I think it's worthwhile to endorse the amendment of Senator Heidemann. And you know, candidly, if we reach a point where that isn't the correct amount of money and it does require some more money, there is always the opportunity to approach this for a deficit. But in the meantime, I think that...I appreciate the work that Senator Heidemann has done to try to narrow the focus of this. And I think, in a sense, we're sort of guessing anyway at the total number of dollars. But I would suggest that we advance the amendment that Senator Heidemann has proposed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Fischer, followed by Senator McDonald.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do not support Senator Heidemann's amendment, AM1719. I support the original agreement that was agreed to on this issue. There are five school districts that would receive the cap of \$650,000. Those five districts are Class VI districts that,