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when they become Class IIIs, they will have over 600 students, and therefore will no longer qualify for the federal money that comes to those districts through the REAP grants. Currently, under a Class I/Class VI system, the Class VI, the high school district, but more importantly, those Class I's, have received the REAP grants in the past. The \$650...or, \$600...excuse me...(laugh) help me out here. Thank you, \$650,000 figure, I think is appropriate for those five districts, considering what they're going to lose. That money will carry forward only a few years. And after that point, since those districts will have over 600 pupils in them, K-12, they no longer will qualify. The other districts that are being assimilated and becoming K-12 districts, because they have fewer than 600 students, they will qualify for those REAP grants. That's why these five schools, these five school districts, have been singled out and will receive the money. So I agree with Senator Raikes, and I agree with him in opposition to Senator Heidemann's amendment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I also oppose LB...or, AM1719, by Senator Heidemann. We fought long and hard for a compromise, a compromise that we felt was good for all schools. And as you look at the schools that would be losing the majority of the REAP grants, are these schools that we're appropriating additional funds to. So why would we want to take those funds away from them? We're hurting them by the consolidation bill of LB 126. We're allowing them the REAP funds, and now we want to take those away from them. We certainly cannot do that. We have to maintain the compromise. We have to fund those schools that are going to be hurt by LB 126, losing their REAP grants, and we need to fund it at a comparable rate. And that's what the original A bill does. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, will oppose the amendment. I have not been very