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it's something that we need to continue with. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Erdman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden and Senator Erdman. Senator Baker, followed by Senator Brashear.

Thank you, Mr. President, members. And I say SENATOR BAKER: enough already. This isn't going to be the end of the world. The sky isn't falling. We've worked hard on this, Senator Louden mentioned, three years. If this bill...this veto isn't overridden, it will be four, five years we worked on it. You may not like the product so much then either. LB 126 opponents, and I have to preface this, not all these people have got my dander up to the point some of them on the phone did this morning, but these opponents that have called me had both lines ringing a good part of the morning, and I don't know why they picked on me. Maybe it wasn't just me. They look at this as a I look at th 3 as an opportunity. Big difference. We've gone through this process out there voluntarily, yes, for the most part. I still have some Class I's out there. I have a couple, one on either side of McCook, and I have pieces of Class I's in Dawson County I share with Senator Cudaback. acknowledge that. But those Class I's that I still have, particularly one of them will be closing shortly, as understand it; the other one will not close forever, even though their enrollment is dwindling and so on. But I look at this potential change as an opportunity, not a threat. The next thing we might do is look at those districts and get down to one district per county. I do have a couple of those left out there out by...all my counties, I do have one with a couple of high schools in it. This is a first step. Let's look at them next. And some of the tactics I heard this morning of these people that called me, and I'm talking about the people...and there's some people up in the balcony that were in my office and they were very, very cordial and so on, but the threats that they're going to not vote for me, that they're going to campaign against me...and I have caller I.D., I know where they were calling